The Centre Reporter.

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"IS HE IN HIS RIGHT MIND?"

This is the Question Asked by the State, an Influential Southern Paper.

Among the many editorials commenting on the Roosevelt message berating the editor of the New York World is the one appended, the words of the Columbia (South Carolina) State, which expresses the sentiment of a large number of the leading newspapers in the United States.

The State says, in part:

"A short week ago President Roosevelt discharged his batteries hurling a thunderous broadside of lies against Mr. Delavan Smith, of the Indianapolis News, and Mr. Laffan, of the New York Sun, for their references to the Panama Canal deal. Yesterday, without having made amends to those prominent Americans for vicious and extraordinary denunciation, President Roosevelt sent a message to Congress assailing Joseph Pulitzer, of The New York World, and charging him in unmeasured language with responsibility for 'libels,' 'slanders' and 'lies.' He announces that the Attorney-General of the United States has been instructed to bring, in the name of the Government, proceedings for libel against Joseph Pulitzer, who is declared to be a 'vilifier of the American people,' a man 'who wantonly and wickedly and without one shadow of justification seeks to blacken the character of reputable private citizens and to convict the Government of his own country in the eyes of the civilized world of wrongdoing of the basest and foulest kind.' We need not 'concern ourselves,' says President Roosevelt, 'with the particular individual who wrote the lying and libelous editorials—the real offender is Mr. Pulitzer, editor of The World.'

"After studying his message, members of the Congress will be excused if they ask themselves, 'Is the President of the United States in his right mind?' If sane, Mr. Roosevelt is the most interesting individual in the world!

"Fortunately for Mr. Joseph Pulitzer and more fortunately for the American people, the Constitution of the United States grants perpetual freedom to the press and the wise men who drafted that instrument doubtless had in mind just such contingencies where the press would need constitutional protection in its efforts to expose corruption and to escape the wrath of would-be dictators of tyrannous disposition.

"The World has not attacked the United States Government, but if it had the Government is not immaculate, and it will never be above criticism. Its treatment of Columbia was scandalous; its barbarities in the Philippines, defended by Mr. Mr. Roosevelt, are a stench in the nostrils of civilization; it has had postoffice scandals; and the bed rock upon which Mr. Roosevelt's party rests is the theft from the many for the agrandizement of the few. But how absurd sounds President Roosevelt's defense of the American Government, when his words alleging criminality against Congressmen are yet the sensation of the hour.

"The President's action in directing that the Government bring criminal proceedings against Joseph Pulitzer because The World two months ago alleged there was something exceedingly fishy in the Panama Canal purchase, and demanded a revelation of transactions heretofore concealed from the public, will be worth not less than a million dollars to the New York newspaper, and will make Mr. Roosevelt ridiculous, at home and abroad.

"Mr. Roosevelt says it is no concern of the Government's who constituted the personnel of the New Panama Canal Company; that he and his associates did what Congress ordered and the French courts decreed. Every student of the situation will differ from the President. Whether or not the assumption of undue influence in the Panama Canal deal is true, it makes a difference who constituted the interested French Company If Americans hold that stock, and if they had the power to influence Congressmen and Cabinet officers to turn from Nicaragua to Panama, the people have as much concern in that fact as they have in Mr. Archbold's influence upon legislation through 'certificates of deposit.'"

An Unfortunate Accident.

Samuel, the twelve-year-old son of R. D. Gregory, of State College, met with an unfortunate accident. He was watching the men thresh out grain when a sudden gust of wind caught the heavy barn door. It was wrenched from the hinges and fell to the ground pinning the lad under it, breaking one of his legs and severely injuring him internally. Samuel had just recovered from an accident which happened last fall when an iron pin was driven through his body.

From Iowa.

Mrs. William Bressler, who with her husband and children went to Iowa about a year ago, writes thus from Nevada, Iowa:

We moved from Colo, this state, to near Nevada, my husband having secured employment with a Swede named Jack Jacobson. The Swedes, by the way, are exceptionally industrious and are among the best citizens in Iowa.

Last year Will worked for his brother, Frank Bressler, who had sale on the 19th, and intends moving to Minnesota where he bought a farm. There are sales every day in this section this season of the year, and stock is selling high. Some cows bring as much as $100.

I wish all the people in Pennsylvania a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Loganton National Bank.

The establishment of a national bank in Loganton is assurred. The directors are: T. H. Harter, H. A. Meyer, E. M. DeLong, G. S. Boone, J. A. Schreckengast, G. O. Klepper, E. E. Dooty, A. S. Greninger, W. A. Morris, E. A. Schwenck and E. E. Meyer. The directors selected the following officers: President, T. R. Harter; vice president, Guy S. Boone; cashier, W. A. Morris; solicitor, R. B. McCormick, Esq.

In this issue appears the program for the week of prayer beginning Monday, January 3rd.

Capitol Grafters.

For calling putty mahogany and a lot of minor offenses four capitol grafters were sentenced to the penitentiary for a period of two years, and fined $500 each.

These grafters — Sanderson, Shoemaker, Snyder and Matthews—would have gone free had the people believed Governor Pennypacker, who said there was nothing to investigate and got mad every time he saw the word "graft" in print; and Attorney General Carson, after writing several letters of inquiry, seconded Penny's motion that everything was o. k. The jury said guilty; sentence was imposed, and the grafters should be escorted to the pen.

Rev. Shultz Called.

The Pine Grove Mills Lutheran charge extended a call to Rev. Shultz, of Johnstown, to become its paster. The election was conducted by Rev. C. T. Aikens, a former pastor. The call will likely be accepted, Rev. Shultz having filled the three appointments on the charge recently.

No Paper Next Week.

It is the custom with all newspapers in Centre county to omit an issue during the holiday season, and the Centre Reporter has selected December 31st as the date on which it will not issue. With today's issue the readers have had during the present year fifty-one issues.

Farm Sold Near Penn Hall.

The farm belonging to the estate of the late Elizabeth Burrell, near Penn Hall, was sold by the administrator, J. S. Meyer, to James Houser for $2610.

LOCALS.

Miss Anna Steele will complete the term of school for Miss Roxie Keller at Centre Furnace.

After an absence from Pine Grove Mills for forty years, James W. Larimer is back to talk to old friends.

Send the Reporter to your friends. It will be appreciated by all who have a local interest in Centre county.

Rev. Daniel Gress and daughter Margaret, Monday went to Adamsburg, the former home of Rev. Gress.

It looks as though the condemned turnpikes in Centre and other counties would fall an inheritance to the county commissioners to keep in repair.

D. F. Luse, of the Luse Manufacturing Company, met with good success at Altoona during the sessions of the State Grange in selling corn sorters.

And then there are folks in the world who are never happy unless they are discusing the frailties of their neighbors. They haven't much else to do.

County Commissioner John G. Bailey had a stroke of paralysis Thursday night while in Lock Haven, which affected the entire left side. He is now somewhat improved and was taken to his home in Pine Grove Mills Saturday afternoon.

The condition of George W. Sweeney, who is suffering from paralysis, is slightly improved, and last week was removed to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Newton Yarnell, near Linden Hall. Mrs. Andrew Gregg, of Scranton, who was at the bedside of her father for a week or more, returned home this week.

The following is reprinted from the Watchman: A story has reached Bellefonte that "Brack" Powell, (colored) who has figured in more than one scrape in Bellefonte, was recently sent to the Ohio penitentiary for six years for sandbagging and robbing a man at Youngstown, Ohio, and that Fred Waltz, also a native of Bellefonte, is in the Youngstown jail charged with murder.

It is Arthur G. Cumings and not William H. Cumings who will succeed E. C. Harter as tenant on the Bitner farm, west of Old Fort. Mr. Cumings at present lives at Colyer, and will just begin farming, furnishing his own stock. His brother, William H, is tenant on the Bitner farm formerly tilled by John Frazier, deceased, and, of course, will remain there. He now fully believes that the Reporter is well read, because he was hailed on the subject of moving to the adjoining farm many times since the error on the part of the Reporter was made.

A letter received by acquaintances here from Henry Dasher, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, is to the effect that he is very much a sufferer from rheumatism, and is able to get about but little at times. Mrs. Dasher, nee Miss Sarah Arney, is in her usual health. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dasher are well known here, having moved to Michigan from this place about thirty-six years ago. For many years Mr. Dasher was a salesman of farm machinery, and traveled extensively through the western states. He writes that he has become quite lusty, weighing at present over two hundred pounds.

Real Estate Sales at Pine Grove.

Just now there is a boom in real estate in Pine Grove Mills. William Dale, of near Pleasant Gap, bought the J. B. Heberling corner for $4000, and will take possession April 1st, 1909. Messrs. Tate and Markle succeed Mr. Heberling in the furniture and undering business. J. H. Ward sold his home on Water street to A. J. Tate, at near the $1300 mark. Mr. Ward will move to Treverton. It was reported that J. G. Bailey had bought the McWilliams property, but as yet it is not confirmed. Simon Ward is offering his new home for sale, as he wishes to locate at State College. Several parties are dickering for the flouring mill.

Altoona Has a Fire.

The Altoona High School building was damaged to the extent of from $15,000 to $25,000 by fire Friday. The greatest damage was done in the auditorium, in which the State Grange recently held their sessions. The cause of the fire was due to a fault in the heating plant. The seven hundred school children marched from the building all presuming that they were practicing a fire drill, and it was not until all were standing out in the rain that they realized what had happened.

Progress Grange Officers.

Progress Grange elected officers at a regular meeting held Saturday afternoon. The installation will take place the first Saturday in January. The officers are:

Master, Florence Rhone
Overseer, Bigler Shaffer
Lecturer, W. A. Krise
Steward, Harry Dinges
Asst. Steward, Paul Shaffer
Chaplain, Mrs. John Conley
Treasurer, George Gingerich
Secretary, Chr st Keller
Gatekeeper, Richard Brooks
Ceres, Annie Bible
Pomona, Annie Durst
Flora, Elsie Moore
Lady Asst. Steward, Mrs. Victor Auman
Insurance Director, David Keller

A Golden Eagle in Jail.

The local lodge of K. G. E. at Reedsville, had their treasurer placed behind the bars on the charge of embezzlement of $3100. Randolph McDonald is the man the lodge had confidence in for fifteen years during which time he was the treasurer without bond. About six weeks ago suspicions were aroused that McDonald was short in his accounts, and later he was arrested.

The lodge treasurer was also agent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company, and handled large sums of money for the company.

After the W. U. T. Co.

State College residents are after the Western Union Telegraph Company again, and are insisting that an office be opened in that borough. The matter has been placed in the hands of the railway commission, and it is claimed facts have been gathered that will show there is sufficient business to warrant an office being opened there.

Telephones in Nittany Valley.

The Nittany Telephone Company has been organized with a view of giving Nittany Valley farmers and others better telephone service. An exchange has been established in Zion, and trunk lines will be run from Zion to Bellefonte, Howard and Lock Haven, connecting with the United Telephone Company.

Notice to Subscribers.

During the first issues of January bills will be mailed to all subscribers to the Reporter who are in arrears. The publisher prefers not to send bills until after the first of the year, as many subscriptions are paid about that time by a large number of patrons. These bills will be enclosed in the regular issue of the paper, such enclosures being permissible under the postoffice ruling.

Keith's Theatre.

There are special features at Keith's Theatre, Philadelphia, this week. The greatest English comedienne ever imported is Alice Lloyd, who heads the bill. Walter C. Kelley, the Philadelphian who has just returned from a triumphal tour of Europe, is on hand with a supply of new material. Two numbers that always elicit a laugh are Monroe and Mack, in a black-face comedy, and the Ellis-Nowlan troupe of acrobatic comedians. Others on the bill are: Billy Court, "That Scotchman," imitator and comedian; Patsy Doyle, comedian; Adeline Francis, vocalist; Paulinetti and Piquo, eccentric comedians, and McDevitt and Kelly, dancers. There will be a special children's matinee Christmas morning at 10 o'clock, and at every matinee up to and including Christmas Day, Santa Claus will be present with a gift for every child in the audience.

Ladies' and gent's mufflers, C. P. Long's.

The Red Cross Stamp.

The Red Cross stamps are just as appropriate for New Year as Christmas and will fill the same mission on New Year greetings as on Christmas presents.

The whole scheme is for the benefit of charity. The stamps themselves were printed and prepared by the Engraving Bureau at Washington.

The nickles, the dimes, the dollars used in the purchase of Red Cross Christmas stamps go toward fighting the White Plague, with no commission to any one for selling the stamps.

Cost of Forest Fires.

There was an area of 850,000 acres in Pennsylvania burned over by forest fires during the past year, entailing a cost of $125,000 for extinguishing the flames, while the damage by fires has not been computed. State Commissioner Robert S. Conklin gives these facts. The state forests destroyed, however, formed but a small portion of this vast total, most of the burned woodland being owned by individuals. Only 30,000 acres of state lands were burned over, or three and three-fourth per cent. of the entire holdings. During the past year 64,566 acres have been added to the state's holdings, making to date 817,057 acres actually paid for. Commissioner Conklin ascribes the causes of the forest fires to the railroads and incendiarism, the first named, it is estimated, causing forty-one per cent. of them. He believes that while the fire warden act of 1907 is an improvement upon the original act it still retains features which will never prove effective in this state, one of which is making constables ex-officio fire wardens.

Command Not Understood.

An incident that happened at the residence of Dr. F. P. Barker, at Ingleby, emphasizes more than ever the caution to "look well before shooting". Some time ago the doctor's dogs kept up a continuous howling, and armed with a gun the doctor went to see the cause of the trouble, when a man was seen to approach in a stealthy manner. He was commanded to halt, with the threat that if he did not he would be shot, when the man managed to mutter something that sounded like "sleep". Dr. Barker then discovered that his "guest" was a foreigner unable to understand the meaning of the phrase "stop, or I'll shoot". The Ike was given quarters for the night, for that was what he was seeking, and after being served a breakfast he went on his way rejoicing, but he will never appreciate how nearly he came to being crippled, or perhaps killed, because he was unable to understand the command, "stop, or I'll shoot."

LOCALS

The Pink Label will appear the first issue in January.

Headquarters for Christmas post cards, C. P. Long's.

As is its custom the Democratic Watchman came out last week with a pretty Christmas cover.

If you want to read the news from Penns Valley first-handed you will find it in the Reporter.

It is basely wrong to encourage anyone in pursuits or ambitions that are likely to end in disappointment or worse.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank McClellan, of Philipsburg, are at the homes of their parents for the Christmas season. Mr. McClellan is a railroad man, and has been located at Philipsburg for some time.

Keep in mind that it is an offense of which the law takes notice to encourage another to bring suit. The person who encourages another to get into a law suit is, nine times out of ten, himself nothing more than a trouble maker in the community and would do nothing to relieve the distress of any one.

Not in Centre Hall alone is it that some innocent person has been made to suffer from the practice of throwing snow balls. Here it was Miss Sarah Reish, who was hit in the eye, causing her considerable pain and no little fright. Of course, no harm is intended by the boys who throw the balls, but the injuries inflicted are just as painful as though malice directed the blows.

The first lot of Christmas stamps sold from this office were sent to Germany on Christmas presents mailed by Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Brisbin to their daughter, Mrs. H. J. Boon, in Berlin, Germany. The National American Red Cross Christmas stamps will be sent to every country in the world, and in this way it will be told all peoples what a wonderfully charitable nation this America is.

Christmas Service.

Sunday evening the members of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Sunday School, in Centre Hall, rendered a Christmas service and distributed two hundred or more boxes of candy. The service was "The Messiah," with additions suitable for the little ones. The participants performed their parts very creditably, and the Christmas spirit was present throughout the entire program.

A number that elicited considerable favorable comment was a drill by thirteen girls, who all the while were singing a Christmas song.

After the benediction the members of the school tarried for a half hour, during which time the candies were distributed, and a surprise was sprung on the pastor and Mrs. Bieber, both of whom were presented with gifts. A letter from Santa Claus addressed to Rev. Bieber stated that he was on his way to Centre Hall with a storm overcoat, and to Mrs. Bieber were presented two packages containing gifts from the ladies of the Sunday School, and on opening them were found to be a silk couch cover and cushion.

Celebrated Birthday.

On her sixty-third birthday all the children and with the exception of two, all the grandchildren celebrated the birthday of Mrs. Maria Jordan, at her home at Colyer, Friday of last week. At two o'clock the company of thirty-one sat down to a sumptuous feast, but before and after the occasion was enjoyed by everyone present. Among the guests from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jordan and son Roy, of McConnell, Illinios, and another guest of note was Mrs. Nancy Meiss, who on that day became eighty-three years old. The guests present were: Mrs. Maria Jordan, Mrs. Nancy Meiss, Mr. and Mrs. William Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Richard and children, Leo, Esther, May, Franklin and Hazel Greely Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Jordan and children Floyd and Emily, Mr. and Mrs. Steward Jordan and children Boyd and Andrew, Mrs. Mary Stoner and children Ethel and Marion, Mr. and Mrs. John Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Jordan and son Roy, Helen Bottorf and Robert Boal.

Herman-Keller.

Tuesday morning of last week a quiet but pretty wedding ceremony was solemnized at the St. John's Reformed parsonage, Bellefonte, when W. Waide Herman, of Lemont, and Miss Roxie Keller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Keller, of Houserville, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Ambrose M Schmidt, in the presence of a few witnesses. The bride is an accomplished and popular young lady and will make an ideal wife for her chosen husband. The groom is a progressive and energetic young business man of Philipsburg.

Transfer of Real Estate.

Ammon Strayer, et ux., to Susa Smull, Nov. 28, 1908, house and lot in Smullton. $500.

Margaret B. Holtzworth, et bar., to Harriet L. Turner, Oct. 28, 1908, house and lot in Unionville. $1500.

Mrs. Jennie M. Aikey, et. bar., to Oscar E. Miles, lot No. 3, Nov. 6, 1908, in Boggs twp. $75.

J. Miles Green to J. Harris Green, March 9, 1908, lot in Milesburg. $300.

Mary J. Swartz to D. G. Fortney, April 6, 1905, 48 acres, 7 perches in Potter twp. $2,882.62.

Mary J. Swartz to Ada J. Fortney, April 6, 1905, 16 acres, 1 perch in Potter twp. $860.

Walter C. Stephen admr. to Jean R. Jenking, Nov. 14, 1908, premises in Philipsburg. $304.

Israel Weaver to J. H. Reifsnyder, three tracts of land, July 23, 1901, in Haines and Miles twp. $1.

Luther M. Houser, et ux., to Edmund Eisenberg, Nov. 3, 1908, lot in Ferguson twp. $18.

Chas. H. Foster, et al., to Mrs. Mary E. Martin, lot in College twp, Nov. 14, 1908. $415.

Mrs. Anna Ward, et al., to Edmund Eisenberg, Nov. 14, 1908, lot in Ferguson twp. $50.

John R. Strong, et al., to Wm. M. McCormick, Dec. 3, 1908, house in Potters Mills. $500.

T. E. Jordon, et ux., to George T. Tibbens, April 1, 1908, 120 acres, 134 perches in Spring twp. $7000.

Jennie H. Holmes, et ux., to Joseph H. Hoy, June 25, 1908, lot in College twy. $325.

Mary Gilbert, et ux., to Harry M. Miller, June 1, 1908, 68 acres in Miles twp. $345.

P. D. Gorman, et ux., to Elizabeth Edminston, Nov. 7, 1908, lot in Rush twp. $40.

J. D. Barker to Albert Urban, et ux., Nov. 9, 1908, premises in Rush twp. $2025.

W. Fred Reynolds, et ux, to S. H. Williams, Aug. 22, 1908, lot No 26 in Reynolds Addition. $250.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The next issue of the Reporter will appear January 7th.

Rockers suitable for Christmas presents, $1.39 at C. P. Long's.

Constable W. H. Runkle offers for sale a bull dog that he guarantees to be the real thing.

J. S. McCarger, the Bellefonte insurance man, is now the owner of an automobile. It is a Franklin.

Miss Edith Lytle, of Stormstown, who for some time past has been in ill health, went to White Haven sanitarium for treatment.

Newton Hess, of the Branch, is making preparations to build a dwelling house at State College. He is at present engaged in farming.

Although there will be no paper issued from this office next week, the office will be open for business the same as at all other times.

The weather man began business again Thursday of last week, on which day four inches of snow and sleet fell, which reduced to water equaled seventy-five one hundredth inches.

Commissioner C. A. Weaver was appointed mercantile appraiser in Centre county. Mr. Weaver is well qualified for the position, and the Reporter wishes him the windfall.

Joseph Barnes, of Bellefonte, who for some time past has been in very poor health, Tuesday of last week departed for the White Haven sanitarium, where he expects to undergo treatment.

Mrs. Charlotte H. Harter, of State College, has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Jessie Maude, to Elmer Alexander McGill, of Allegheny. The ceremony will take place Wednesday morning of next week.

After the first of the year Frank Walker will be employed at the Centre Mills flour mills, between Rebersburg and Millheim, operated by John Kline & Son. He expects to divide the time between working in the mill and driving the mill team.

H. J. Lambert, the corrugated-edge shear man, is offering for sale files that will enable anyone to do the work for himself. Call on or write to him for a circular, or mail your shears to him and for twenty-five cents, plus the postage for return of the shears, he will sharpen them for you.

The Star Printing Company, of Barnesboro, has recently purchased the Patton Courier and will in the future publish this paper in connection with the Barnesboro Star. This means that Editor John C. Miller, formerly of Bellefonte, will have two newspapers on his hands in place of one.

From the State College Times it is learned that internal revenue officers have been accumulating evidence against persons in that town who have been handling spiritous liquors in violation of the law. That paper thinks enough evidence has been secured to get some people into a peck of trouble.

The will of the late Dr. William Laurie has been entered for probate. He leaves $12,000 in cash, $4000 to his widow, $5000 to his daughter, Mrs. Mary Gray, $1000 to his son John, $1000 to his brother Thomas, and $1000 to his nephew, J. Malcolm. His library he bequeathed to Lincoln and Park Universities.

Prof. Jonas E. Wagner, principal of the Bellefonte High school, has been selected to present the subject, "Special Work in Agriculture in the General High School," before the High School Department of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association, which convenes at Harrisburg on Monday, December 28th.

Miss Lizzie Boozer, who is a senior at the Central State Normal School; Miss Bess Weber, a student at Bucknell University; Miss Lelia Huyett, a Susquehanna University student; Harry F. Burkholder, a senior at Pennsylvania State College; Miss Mary Delinda Potter, who began her first term in the Bellefonte Academy, are at home for the holiday season.

Mrs. William Brown, of Osceola Mills, Clearfield county, is convinced that second thoughts are best. She was formerly Mrs. John M. Kernan, and lived at Philipsburg, Centre county. Seven years ago her first husband died. After his death she preserved a partly worn pair of his shoes, always reconsidering a decision to throw or give them away. A couple of years ago she married William Brown, and now lives near Osceola. The other day she hunted up the old shoes for her husband to wear while he went to the store for a new pair. She pulled a piece of cotton from the toe of one of the shoes. Back of the cotton was found two one-dollar bills and a ten-dollar bill.

LATEST NEWS
BY TELEGRAPH

Domestic

The telegraph companies at Chicago reported rain and fog generally from the Colorado line to Philadelphia and from St. Paul to Louisville, rendering wire connections disarranged, but not putting them out of commission.

A naval board composed of Commander William Gill, Commander Edwin A. Anderson and Lieutenant Commander F. N. Freeman started to inspect sites for the establishment of a torpedo station on the Pacific Coast.

The unique opportunity of buying real elephants, lions and other denizens of the jungle for Christmas presents is afforded on account of the involuntary bankruptcy of the Norris & Rowe circus.

As a result of the closing of the Citizens' State Bank of Napoleon, O., the creditors of the Ohio German Fire Insurance Company, now in the hands of two trustees, may lose $139,000.

Governor J. Franklin Fort, of New Jersey, presided and made the principal address at the International Tuberculosis Exhibit in the American Museum of Natural History at New York.

Henry F. Agar, formerly secretary and treasurer of the Princeton Milling Company, Princean, Ind., charged with forgery and embezzlement approximating $100,000, was arrested at Harlingen, Tex., after a two years' search.

After an entire day devoted to an attempt to get a jury to try eight alleged night riders on a charge of murdering Capt. Quentin Rankin, court adjourned with only two men in the jury box.

Miss Sarah Campbell, a trained nurse, who spent 10 weeks on a barren island in the Pacific Ocean with 53 shipwrecked men, arrived in San Francisco with her hair turned white.

The First National Bank of Somersworth, N. H., closed its doors and Cashier Frederick A. Varney was arrested following the discovery of a shortage of $85,000.

The prosecution outlined its case and witnesses described the shooting of William E. Annis at the trial of Thornton Jenkins Hains.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has placed orders for 135,500 tons of steel rails.

Alice Neilson, the grand opera singer, has filed a petition of bankruptcy.

Chief American Horse, a noted Sioux chief, is dead.

With the arrest of Mrs. Ada McCormick for stabbing her husband last Monday, a mystery that for two years past has shrouded the disappearance of Miss Ada Long, daughter of James W. Long, wealthy manufactured of San Francisco, was cleared up, as the woman under arrest was Miss Long before her marriage to McCormick.

Mrs. William H. Taft, wife of the President-elect of the United States, presented at the annual meeting of the National Civic Federation in the Hotel Astor, N. Y., the report of the Committee on welfare work for the government employes, of which she is chairman.

The scout cruiser Birmingham was given her standardization trial on the Rockland course, in preparation for the competitive tests with the scout cruisers Salem and Chester. The average of the top speed runs was 24.326 knots an hour.

Foreign

At a meeting of the senate of the New University of Dublin the Very Rev. James H. Walsh, Lord Archbishop of Dublin, was elected chancellor.

Lord Morley, secretary for India, in an address in the House of Lords, unfolded a plan for the reform of the government administration of India.

Officers of the American battleship fleet were entertained at dinner by Gov. Sir Henry McCallum, of Ceylon, at Colombo.

General Simon, leader of last revolution in Hayti was unanimously elected President by the Haytian Congress.

The arrest of all natives suspected of revolutionary activities in India has helped quiet down the poulation.

Olga Stein, arrested in New York, was put on trial in St. Petersburg, charged with forgery and embezzlement.

The Earl of Granard, whose engagement to Miss Mills, of New York, was announced a few days ago, sailed on the steamer Adriatic, from Southampton.

Fifteen persons were killed and 30 injured in a collision between a passenger train and a freight train in the Pouch Tunnel, near Limogee, France.

The proposal to hold an international aeroplane competition in Russia next summer has been abandoned on account of lack of funds.

William Sherman, who has been director of the civil service in the Philippines since 1905, has tendered his resignation.

An operation for cataract was performed in London on Gen. William Booth, of the Salvation Army.

Wilbur Wright sailed his aeroplane at a height of 296 feet at Le Mans, breaking all records for height.

The prospectus of another South Manchurian Railroad loan of $10,000,000 was issued in London.

The German government ordered the governor of Southwest Africa to collect an export duty of $2.50 a carat on diamonds.

The Petit Parisien declares that the object of President Castro in visiting Berlin is to obtain the intervention of Germany with Holland on behalf of Venezuela.

VENEZUELA TO MAKE WAR ON THE DUTCH

Head of Government Meets Aggression With Defiance.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNS POWERS.

Says Holland's Action May Prevent Payment of Indemnities — Spirit of Revolt Rages — Holland Rejoicing Over Uprising in Caracas.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Venezuela has declared a state of war, according to advices received at the State Department. This news is contained in the dispatch from Secretary Paxton Hibbin, secretary of the American legation at Bogota, Colombia. He states that the Colombian minister of foreign affairs has received the following telegram from Caracas:

"In view of the blockade established and the capture by the blockade of a Venezuelan vessel, the head of the government at Venezuela, after assuming extraordinary power for the defense of the country, has declared a state of war."

Officials of the State Department are somewhat in a quandary as to whether the dispatch means that Venezuela has declared war against Holland or has merely proclaimed a state of internal warfare. In view of the fact that specific reference is made to the capture of the Venezuelan vessel and the blockade by Holland they are inclined to believe that it means a declaration against Holland.

Conflicting Stories.

Willemstad, Curacao (Special).—Conflicting stories were received from Caracas regarding the uprising against President Castro.

One report says that the declaration of martial law has had the effect of curbing the people, while later reports say that the revolutionary forces are actively, though quietly, at work, and that the present calm is but the forerunner to a demonstration that will sweep Castro from power.

The people of Curacao expect word of the overthrow of the Venezuelan government at any moment. To insure such a result, they are urging the Dutch demonstration against Venezuela be increased in severity, as it is the commercial stagnation that has followed the demonstration that has aroused the Venezuelans.

Caracas is badly crippled as the result of the rioting that took place the first half of the week. Scores of citizens who were known to be friends of Castro have fled to the interior for safety.

Holland Rejoicing.

The Hague (Special).—All Holland is rejoicing over the stories of the uprising of the people of Venezuela against Castro.

The members of the foreign office say the present situation is just what they expected and to bring about when they started the campaign of reprisals against Venezuela.

The foreign office believes Castro's power has been broken and that the people will force his abdication before long.

VENEZUELA IS READY FOR WAR

Gomez Decrees Nation In a State of Defense.

Caracas, Venezuela (Special).—The news of the capture of the Venezuelan coast guardship Alexis by the Dutch cruiser Gelderland became known in Caracas Monday morning. A big crowd at once assembled in the Plaza Bolivar and demonstrated in support of the government.

Acting President Gomez issued a decree in which he relates the capture of the Alexis, after which he declares:

"I consider these acts a true invasion of Venezuelan territory and an aggression against the Venezuelan government. They constitute a grave offense. The national sovereignty is threatened, and the territorial integrity, honor and dignity of the fatherland is in danger.

"I decree the nation in a state of defense and consequently the executive assumes and will exercise the extraordinary faculties conferred upon him by section VIII. of article LXXX. of the Venezuelan Constitution."

The news that the republic had been placed in a state of national defense against Holland ran through the city like wildfire, and in a few moments there was an enormous crowd in front of the Yellow House, the executive mansion, to greet Acting President Gomez.

As Gomez made his way across the plaza to the Yellow House he was received with enthusiasm. The Yellow House was crowded with a numerous assemblage of the most distinguished citizens of Caracas. Speeches were made demanding that all political prisoners be set at liberty and that the existing government monopolies be abolished. The threatened danger from without had a double effect on the people; they demanded measures of protection, but at the same time they insisted upon the termination of one of the most unpopular courses of the Castro administration—the maintenance of government monopolies in the necessaries of life.

Battle With Bandits.

Toledo, O. (Special).—Two bandits shot and seriously wounded Thomas Regan, a motorman, and robbed Bert Higley, a conductor, in East Toledo. The two employes were alone on the car at the time, but engaged the highwaymen in a desperate hand-to-hand battle. One of the bandits finally succeeded in overpowering Higley and forcing him to turn over the cash, while the other, freeing himself from Regan's clutch, fired a bullet through the motorman's neck and fled.

BOY PLAYS BUTCHER KILLS HIS SISTER

Five-Year-Old Copies Scene at Fall Hog Killing.

Selinsgrove, Pa. (Special).—Playing at "butchering" and that he was the butcher, five-year-old Harold Brouse, the son of Pernival N. Brouse, a farmer in Penn Township, Snyder County, shot and killed his two-year-old sister Catherine.

It was fine fun the children were having. They had gone to the barn where the father and other men were engaged in the fall hog killing. The women folk were there, too, helping, and when Harold and Catherine strayed away toward the house, hand in hand, no attention was paid to them.

Once back in the kitchen, the little chap had an idea.

"Now, let's play you are a piggie and I am papa," he said, and Catherine assented to the plan.

First, Harold looked around for a big knife, but all the heavy cutlery was in use at the barn. Then he spied his father's rifle. That was used to kill things with, he knew, for his father and showed him how it worked. He took it from its corner and then they were ready to play.

Shouting gleefully, Harold chased his sister around the room. The little girl, on her hands and knees, enjoyed the fun, and nimbly evaded him each time he pointed the gun at her. Finally, tired and breathless, she threw herself on the floor and crawled under a table, whence she glanced laughingly out at her brother.

But Harold was not to be outwitted. Dropping flat, he, too, crawled under the table. Pointing the weapon at the head of his sister, with a shout of triumph, he pulled the trigger. The bullet entered the child's temple and plowed downward through the neck. Screaming "papa," she fell, and was quiet.

Harold looked at her a minute, frightened, she was so still. Then he went out to the barn trembling.

"Catherine won't play piggie any more," he told his mother, as he choked and began to sob.

LYNCHED BY MOB FOR KILLING GIRL

White Man Taken From Jail and Hanged When He Confessed.

Monticello, Ky. (Special).—Elmer Hill, a white man, charged with assaulting and murdering 13-year-old Mamie Womack, near Russell Spring, was taken from a local jail by an armed mob, and after confessing the crime, was hanged to a tree.

A well organized mob of 26 Russell County men came quietly into town on foot about midnight and went at once to the jail. Jailer Ramsey awoke to find himself covered by six revolvers. The leader told him they did not want to make any disturbance, but came after Hill, and were going to have him. Ramsey surrendered his prisoner to them.

Hill at first denied his guilt. The leader of the mob said:

"How came that blood on your cap and hands when you were captured?"

Hill made no reply.

The leader continued. "Elmer Hill, we have got you; you know you killed the girl, and your life will pay the penalty; you deny killing the girl; it matters not to us whether you confess or not, but if you don't you will die with a lie in your throat, and you only have 10 minutes to live. Did you kill her?"

"Yes, boys, I did kill her," replied Hill.

"How did you kill her?"

"I met her on the road coming from school, tied a bandanna around her neck and strangled her, then took her out in the woods and killed her."

Shouts of "Hang him! Hang him!" arose from the mob, and one man placed a gun at the trembling murderer's head, but was prevented from shooting him.

Hill was told to pray, but said he could not. They told him he could say "Oh Lord, have mercy on me, a murderer." But he dropped his head and uttered no word. He was then placed behind a man on a mule and all proceeded in the direction of Russell County.

His body was found hanging to a tree about two miles out of Jamestown, 20 miles from Monticello.

35,000 DIE BY ACCIDENT.

Millions Injured Annually, Says Bureau Of Labor.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Between 30,000 and 35,000 deaths and two million injured is the accident record in the United States during the past year among working men, according to a bulletin on accidents just issued by the Bureau of Labor.

The bulletin declares that much that could be done for the protection of the working man is neglected, though many and far-reaching improvements have been introduced in factory practice during the last decade. It is pointed out that the possibilities for accident prevention have been clearly demonstrated in the experience of foreign countries.

Order 135,500 Tons Of Rails.

Philadelphia (Special).—The Pennsylvania Company's steel rail order for 1909 delivery, which calls for 135,500 tons of rails, was announced. The order has been distributed as follows:

Illionis Steel Company, 62,500 tons; Cambria Steel Company, 25,000 tons; Pennsylvania Steel Company, 25,000 tons; Lackawanna Steel Company, 13,000 tons; Bethlehem Steel Company, 10,000 tons.

THE PRESIDENT TO HELP NATIONAL MUSEUM

Arrangement With Smithsonian Made Public.

COLLECTION OF UNIQUE VALUE.

Mr. Roosevelt Wrote Secretary Charles D. Walcott Outlining His Proposed Trip and Asking for Field Taxidermists to Accompany the Expedition.

Washington (Special)—The agreement between President Roosevelt and the Smithsonian Institute as to the President's hunting trip in Africa was made public by Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the institution, after he had conferred with the President. At a meeting of the board of regents of the institution held Tuesday he letter of the President was laid before the board, which, in turn, adopted the resolution given, thereby entering into a contract with the President for certain work. The letter and resolution follow:

"The White House, Washington.
Oyster Bay, N. Y., June 20, 1908.

"My Dear Dr. Walcott: About the first of April next, I intend to start for Africa. My plans are, of course, indefinite, but at present I hope they will be something on the following order:

"By May 1st I shall land at Mombasa and spend the next few months hunting and traveling in British and German East Africa; probably going thence to or toward Uganda, with the expectation of striking the Nile about the beginning of the new year, and then working down it, with side trips after animals and birds so as to come out at tidewater, say about March 1st. This would give me 10 months in Africa. As you know, I am not in the least a game butcher. I like to do a certain amount of hunting, but my real and main interest is the interest of a faunal naturalist. Now, it seems to me that this opens the best chance for the National Museum to get a fine collection not only of the big game beasts, but of the smaller mammals and birds of Africa; and looking at it dispassionately I believe that the chance ought not to be neglected. I will make arrangements to pay for the expenses of myself and my son. But what I would like to do would be to get one or two professional field taxidermists, field naturalists, to go with me, who should prepare and send back the specimens we collect.

"The collection which would thus go to the National Museum would be of unique value. It would, I hope, include specimens of big game, together with the rare smaller animals and birds. I have not the means that would enable me to pay for the field naturalists or taxidermists and their kit, and the curing and transport of the specimens for the National Museum. Of course, the actual hunting of the big game I would want to do myself, or have my son do, but the specimens will all go to the National Museum, save a very few personal trophies of little scientific value, which for some reason I might like to keep. Now, can you, in view of getting these specimens for the National Museum, arrange for the services of the field taxidermists and for the care and transport of the specimens? As ex-President, I should feel that the National Museum is the museum to which my collection should go.

"With high regard, sincerely yours,
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

"To Hon. Charles D. Walcott, Secretary Smithsonian Institution, Washington."

"Resolved, That the board of regents of the Smithsonian Institution express to Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, its appreciation of his very generous offer contained in his letter of the 20th of June, 1908, to the secretary of the institution with respect to his expedition to Africa, and that it accept the same."

A BILLION DOLLAR OIL TRUST NOW RUMORED

Standard Stock Sells at Highest Price in Three Years.

New York (Special).—A new Standard Oil Company, with a capital of one billion dollars, like the Steel Trust, is now talked of. The stock of the present company is $100,000,000, with a market value, based on late quotations, of $720,000,000.

It is said on what appears to be good authority that the capital of the new company will be divided into $500,000,000 7 per cent. preferred stock and $500,000,000 common stock.

The investigation by the Government brought out the fact that the company has been earning $85,000,000 a year for the last ten years.

Eighty-five million dollars is 8½ per cent. on a capitalization of one billion dollars and would permit of 6 per cent. on the common, with 2½ per cent. of the known earnings held back for depreciation, betterments and improvements.

There are today about six thousand holders of the stock, with John D. Rockefeller holding 27½ per cent. of the total. Under the new organization he would hold $275,000,000 of the new company stock.

Burned His Wealth.

London (Special).—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Daily Mail relates that a dying Moscow millionaire named Petroff had his whole fortune withdrawn from the banks and the bank notes brought to the sick room. They were then piled before him and set on fire. Petroff summoned his relatives and showed them the ashes, congratulating them on having escaped from the evil of wealth.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DENOUNCES MR. PULITZER

In Hot Message to Congress He Scores World's Proprietor.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The President in a special message to Congress answers the charge made in connection with the purchase of the Panama Canal and excoriates Joseph Pulitzer, proprietor of the New York World, in which paper the charges were first published. Others who joined in the criticisms are included in the excoriation.

In language probably more emphatically denunciatory than was ever used in such a document, Mr. Roosevelt says Mr. Pulitzer is guilty of blackening the good name of the American people and it should not be left to a private citizen to sue him for libel. Mr. Pulitzer should be prosecuted by the governmental authorities, declares the President, and continues:

Compares Pulitzer To Embezzler.

"In point of encouragement of iniquity, in point of infamy, of wrongdoing, there is nothing to choose between a public servant who betrays his trust, a public servant who is guilty of blackmail, or theft, or financial dishonesty of any kind, and a man guilty as Mr. Joseph Pulitzer has been guilty in this instance.

"It is therefore a high national duty to bring to justice this vilifier of the American people, this man who wantonly and wickedly and without one shadow of justification seeks to blacken the character of reputable private citizens and to convict the government of his own country in the eyes of the civilized world of wrongdoing of the basest and foulest kind, which he has not one shadow of justification of any sort or description for the charge he has made."

The attorney general, Mr. Roosevelt adds, has under consideration what steps shall be taken against the editor.

In clearing Charles P. Taft, brother of the President-elect, and Douglas Robinson, the President's brother-in-law, of the accusations made by the World, Mr. Roosevelt says:

"New, these stories as a matter of fact need no investigation whatever. No shadow of proof has been, or can be, produced in behalf of any of them. They consist simply of a string of infamous libels. In form they are in part libels upon individuals, upon Mr. Taft and Mr. Robinson for instance. But they are, in fact, wholly, and in form partly, a libel upon the United States government.

"I do not believe we should concern ourselves with the particular individuals who wrote the lying and libelous editorials, articles from correspondents or articles in the news columns. The real offender is Mr. Joseph Pulitzer, editor and proprietor of the World."

Assumes Responsibility Himself.

The President says he alone is responsible for steps taken in obeying the will of Congress by the purchase of the canal, and adds that the law was strictly complied with. The actual transaction was carried through by P. C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, then attorney general, through John Hay, then secretary of state, and Elihu Root, then secretary of war, were cognizant of all the essential features.

The President declares that William Nelson Cromwell did not have to give the names of his clients, and acknowledges assistance from that gentleman in his recent investigation of the whole affair.

The payments to the French owners of the canal are also gone into in detail. These were made under the supervision of the Civil Tribunal of the Seine.

PORTUGAL SLAYERS' REFUGE.

Criminals Subject To Death Penalty Exempt From Extradition.

Washington, D. C. (Special)—Any person charged with crime upon whom the deth penalty could be inflicted by the laws of the jurisdiction in which the charge is pending, is exempt hereafter from extradition from Portugal, which prohibits capital punishment.

This is one of the terms of the extradition treaty with Portugal, which was proclaimed by the President. He also announced the arbitration and naturaliztion treaties.

DOINGS AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

By unanimous vote the House adopted a resolution calling on the President for proof of his charge that members were fearful of an investigation by the Secret Service agents.

Senator Bourne (Oregon) introduced a bill providing that the salary of the President be increased to $100,000 a year, and that of the Vice President to $25,000 a year.

The President sent a message to Congress in which he submitted his recommendations in regard to improving the form of government for the District of Columbia.

Senator Rayner introduced a resolution providing for an investigation of the President's order directing the removal of the marines from the warships.

The Postoffice Department has decided that letters addressed to Santa Claus will be returned to the senders or sent to the Dead Letter Office.

The report of the joint commission recommending reorganization of the postoffice was submitted to Congress.

Germany's fiscal policy that allows liberal bounties upon the export of grain products as a corollary to high duties on imports is proving beneficial to the agricultural and milling interests of the empire.

The Secretary of the Navy has ordered a court of inquiry to meet at Boston next Monday to investigate the circumstances attending the grounding of the ship Yankee.

Capt. C. B. T. Moore has been detached from duty at the Navy Yard at Philadelphia and ordered to command the armored cruiser Colorado of the Pacific fleet, at Panama.

State of Pennsylvania

CAPITOL PROBE COST $95,981.16

Investigation Commission, Through Senator Fisher, Returns $4,018 Of The $100,000 Appropriated.

Senator John S. Fisher, of Indiana, chairman of the Capitol Investigation Commission, closed up the accounts of the commission, turning $4,018.84 out of the $100,000 appropriated to it back into the State Treasury. Senator Fisher also directed that the records and accounts of the commission be turned over to Governor Stuart.

The finacial statement shows that the investigation cost the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania $95,981.16, of which $28,001.40 went to the Audit Company, of New York, which did the probing, and $25,000 to the atterneys, the amount paid to experts being $16,029.01 and to stenographers for testimony and the like $4,599.80.

The account of the commission in part is as follow:

Counsel, James Scarlet, $15,000, and James A. Stranahan, $10,000.

Experts, D. F. Rich, $5,257.90; C. D. Montague, $4,028.35; Bond Thomas, $116; F. J. Lautz, $698; C. A. Barker, $598.25; W. Scott Collins, $1,359.41; Charles E. Shenk, $1,-14.50; Leslie McCreath, $2,601, and Henry J. Conrath, $155.

Harry S. Calvert and Frank Bell, secretaries, $3,000 each; Harry S. Calvert, $1,500; W. W. Murray, sergeant-at-arms, $2,199.94.

Employees of the commission per diem and mileage, $3,448.36; stenographers, $4,599.80; witnesses, $2,207.41; detective services, $169.

Expenses of the commission, in traveling, $5,370.96.

C. W. BRAY RESIGNS.

Retires As President Of American Sheet And Tin Company.

Pittsburg (Special).—A reorganization of the official family of the American Sheet and Tinplate Company has been effected to take place January 1. C. W. Bray, who has been president during the past two years, has retired and will make his home in Philadelphia, where he is now erecting a mansion.

E. W. Pargny, of Pittsburg, succeeds to the presidency, his place as first vice president being taken by S. A. Davis, formerly second vice president. This last named office has been abolished. Mr. Davis also will be in charge of the operating department. J. I. Andrews, assistant sales manager, is made general sales manager. C. W. Bennett, assistant to the president, is retained with added duties.

Auto Hits Blind Pedestrian.

Chester (Special).—D. Howard Mullin, a blind piano tuner, whose home is in St. Clair, was struck by an automobile while walking along Chester Pike, near Prospect Park. The chauffeur of the machine sounded his horn, expecting the man to get out of his path, but the sightless pedestrian jumped directly in front of the automobile. His right ankle was broken and he was injured internally, but the hospital physicians think he will recover.

Spend Honeymoon In Jail.

Oxford (Special).—In order to give his bride of a week money to buy Christmas presents, 18-year-old Walter Russell, of Hopewell, stole $11 from a poor washerwoman, who had saved the money for weeks to pay her taxes. Russell and his wife are spending their honeymoon in jail. The bride is charged with being an accessory.

Sues For Fortune In Silk.

York (Special).—Suit was begun here by Brown Brothers & Co., of Philadelphia, against the York Silk Manufacturing Company to recover $211.890, the alleged value of a quantity of silk, held by the local firm under a trust agreement by which the title was to remain with Brown Brothers, until the York company actually paid for it.

Would Drive Venus From School.

Hazleton (Special).—The High School student body got its orders from Principal Geist about "affinities." Mr. Geist told the girls that he wanted the affinity business stopped, that he wanted the holding of hands in the hall discontinued, and said the walking, arm-in-arm, with the boys in the streets was disgusting the boys.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Frank Kayinsky and John Rock, old contractors, were seriously, if not fatally, burned by a gas explosion at Shenandoah City colliery. This is the second time Kayinsky was burned in a similar manner inside of a year.

F. B. Musselman and wife, of Strasburg, celebrated the fiftieth wedding anniversary. There never has been a death in their family, all the children and grandchildren being present.

Bellevue Presbyterian Church, at Gap, has extended a call to Rev. B. F. Farber, of Indianapolis.

The ministers of Middletown have gone on record against the funeral feast, which is a prominent part of the ceremonies attending a burial in many parts of this State. They have also adopted suggestions that fewer ministers go to funerals, so that services will not be dragged out to unseeming lengths.

I. M. Kauffman's store, at Rawlinsville, was looted by thieves, merchandise valued at $300 being taken.

Because a demand for an additional cent a yard for their product was refused nearly 100 raw silk weavers of the Emaus silk mill walked out, tying up all other departments.

A charter was granted by Governor Stuart to the Farmers' and Miners' Bank, at Marianna, Washington County. The capital is $50,000, the incorporators being A. O. Beeson, Scenery Hill; J. A. Ray, Pittsburg, and R. S. George, Wilkinsburg.

FARM AND GARDEN

FARM NOTES.

The flow of milk is not large when cows do not have plenty of good water, and water and feeding is a better way to mix it than at the pump, as a due proportion is obtained in this way.

Why not select good cows as we select good seed corn and wheat? There are poor results when this rule is not applied to cows as well as seed.

It is said that 20,000 cows are now milked with machinery. The milking machine when found all right will go into general use as cream separators have.

Good pure dairy salt is as essential to good butter making as pure water is to health. Any kind of salt won't do for good butter, but it will do for the poor stuff that sells at half price.

The training of a colt cannot be too thorough; a half broken horse is not broken at all, and is always a dangerous animal.

It takes the farm work and the farm conditions to successfully raise draft horses with grain feed and handling for maturity and the development of draft horse size.

Dairy cows are like machines in that they are bred for either milk or butter as a specialty. They do much better in their own line of performance than if they are bred for both.

A good dairy cow is developed by intelligent breeding and feeding. It takes seven years of steady, watchful attention after birth to bring a cow to her best in the production of milk.

FATTENING TURKEYS.

At the price given per pound for turkeys these last years it pays to feed them to good weight; a couple of pounds more on the weight counts, but four or more pounds count larger. I put in new blood at good prices each year, and make special prices by sale of breeders each year. After I have called in my orders for breeding stock from the farmers about me I go over my flocks and make selections of my best hens and gobblers, after which these are marked and as far as it is possible are kept apart from the main flock, and not fed so heavily as the birds for the Thanksgiving market. After losing several of my best turkeys one year from feeding green corn I shut off on that given raw, although I use it in plenty when cooked, I do not begin feeding heavy until pretty well along in October, and then, each morning new corn, shelled or sometimes cut in small pieces, is placed in a large outdoor kettle and boiled several hours. By night this is cooled and ready for their suppers. I have never known cooked corn to hurt them. For morning they get a ration of ground oats, boiled vegetables, corn meal, mixed either with milk or water. Always they have grit and charcoal near their feed troughs. At noon they get old corn, and sometimes wheat, with occasional feed of suet.—Indiana Farmer.

WHEN IS CHEESE NOT CHEESE?

This is a question which the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture has at last decided and has come out flat-footed with the answer, "when it is 'soaked curd.'"

Doctor H. W. Wiley, Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, said that this pseudo cheese is produced by soaking the curd at a certain stage in cold water, draining it and putting the curd to press. This treatment is carried on solely for fraudulent purposes. First, it introduces an undue amount of water in the cheese, thus increasing the weight, and, second, it give a soft texture and appearance of superior quality, which deceives the purchaser as to its real nature. Cheese thus produced is of inferior quality, for it develops less of the desirable cheese flavor than it otherwise would, and it deteriorates greatly in quality before the curing process is complete.

This type of cheese cannot, continued Doctor Wiley, under the food and drugs act, enter interstate commerce nor be sold in the District of Columbia or the Territories under the name of Cheese unless this name be further characterized. In the future this product must be labeled "Soaked Curd Cheese."

BEST CHEAP COW RATION.

In response to an inquiry in regard to economic cow feeding Hoard's Dairyman says:

"Oats at 50 cents per bushel is at the rate of $31.2 per ton, and corn at 70 cents is $25 per ton. These figures show that oats cannot be considered and that corn is the cheapest of the feeds named. But corn is low in protein and must be combined with some other feed which is rich in that element. Cottonseed meal meets this requirement, but both it and corn are too concentrated (heavy) for feeding by themselves or in combination.

"For best results they should be diluted with some light feed. Bran answers this purpose admirably. Hence we suggest mixing 250 pounds of cottonseed meal with 550 pounds of ground corn and 200 pounds of bran. This will give a mixture containing about 16 per cent of digestible protein and a daily allowance of 6 pounds of this mixture in connection with 30 pounds of silage and 10 pounds of hay, will make about the proper allowance for a cow yielding 20 pounds of 5 per cent milk or 25 pounds of 4 per cent. milk."

COW FEED.

No animal likes variety of food more than a cow does, and none pays greater return for it than the cow. The Dairy Review in alluding to this matter says that for the stimulation of appetite and aid in digestion some of her feeds should be green and succulent, such as roots and silage for winter. Some linseed meal should be given at frequent intervals. It is not only a rich feed, but an excellent regulator of the digestive organs. Clover and alfalfa hay are both rich in milk-forming elements and give bulk to the ration. Some corn should be given daily, especially through the cold months, because cows greatly relish the grain and it helps in forming butterfat and in producting animal heat. Give the cows about all they will clean up at each feed, but shift change often, not only the kinds, but the amounts of each kind at different times. This change gives a stimulating variety to feeds, and the cows thrive and produce on it.

TO ASCERTAIN A HORSE'S AGE.

Every horse has six teeth above and below; before three years old he sheds his middle teeth; at three he sheds one more on each side of the central teeth; at four he sheds the two corner and last of the fore-teeth. Between four and five the horse cuts the under tusks; at five will cut his upper tusks, at which time his mouth will be complete. At six years the grooves and hollows begin to fill up a little; at seven the grooves will be well night filled up, except the corner teeth, leaving little brown spots where the dark brown hollows formerly were. At eight, the whole of the hollows and grooves are filled up. At nine there is often seen a small bill to the outside corner teeth; the point of the tusk is worn off, and the part that was concave begins to fill up and become rounding; the squares of the central teeth begin to disappear and the gums leave small and narrow at the top.—Guy Noland in the Epitomist.

EFFECT OF FREEZING ON QUALITY OF BUTTER.

A series of trials were made at the Vermont Experiment Station wherein milk way divided into two lots, one-half allowed to freeze and the other handled in the usual manner; then churned, the butter worked and scored. Neither skimming, ripening nor churning appeared to be impaired. Not so, however, with the scoring. The average scores of two sets of 15 lots each were; frozen butter, 93.2; normal butter 93.5. Freezing tended very slightly to lower the grade of the butter, yet freezing is not necessarily a menace to good butter-making. It should not be inferred, however, that infrequent creamery receipts, delivered more or less frost bitten, will make as good a butter as if they had been delivered unfrozen.—Farmers' Home Journal.

AFRAID OF THE CHURN.

The old churn used to turn out fine butter on the farm. Now, with the knowledge of handling cream, ripening and churning it that has become so general, the churn should be able to turn out really gilt-edge butter. Such butter would promptly put a profit into dairying. The dairy farmer afraid of the churn can not hope to make money out of milk.

THE OX IN USE.

With horses and mules selling at fancy prices, and feedstuffs abnormally high, the patient and faithful ox is coming into more general use in some sections. In Northern Vermont a good team of heavy horses will bring $500 to $600. This is considerable money for a man on a small farm to tie up, consequently many small farmers are using oxen for farm work.—Epitomist.

Indians to Marry.

The first native born American Indians to appear before City Clerk Sculley, in the Borough Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y., for a marriage license, marched in and with the usual Indian stolidity filed out the necessary forms, gravely paid the fee of $1, listened to the instructions given by Mr. Sculley, and then marched out again. Both were born in Manhattan and it was the second matrimonial venture for each of them.

William A. Tolbert, who gave his age as 71 years, although he looks not much over 40, with his splendid head of black hair and his vigorous carriage, and Isabell Taylor were the two Indians. Isabell would make a fine model for a statuce of Pocahontas. She gave her age as 37 and her address as 19 Furman avenue, the same as Mr. Tolbert's. Mr. Tolbert is a United States Custom House Inspector.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Slate valued at $6,019,220 was quarried and sold in the United States in 1907, an increase over 1906's output of $350,875.

The HOME

REVIVAL OF PAISLEY SHAWLS.

The present revival of the Paisley designs recalls the rage for these patterns during the middle of the last century. We see them at present on gowns of chiffon or shantung or even cloth, while in linen also beautiful effects are to be found.

But to those who are familiar with the old design the present-day imitations are deplorably lacking in the delicacy and beauty of the former patterns, which were then chiefly displayed on the shawls. The designs on these were, of course, adapted from those shawls first brought from the east by Napoleon during his Egyptian campaign. They became the rage, chiefly because they afforded a little extra warmth over the skimpy muslin dresses that were the inspiration of the much-talked-of directoire gowns of today. The Empress Josephine had a collection of about 500 of these shawls. Huge prices were paid for them, and even when they began to be made in England as much as 300 or 400 pounds would be given for a hand-woven Paisley shawl, while 25 or 30 pounds would not be considered much for a machine-made one.

Designing such as was employed upon thsee shawls is an art unknown today, and many brilliantly clever artists were engaged upon it.

One of the designs was tinted to represent bronze; in another the turquoise and sapphire shades of blue were combined with glorious effect.

The patterns were kept very simple and strictly Oriental, but eventually such anomalies as tartan and shepherds' plaids, and little medallions containing bunches of roses were introduced, and very soon the Paisley design sank into oblivion until its recent revival.

It is a lamentable fact that tons of these wonderful old designs have been burned, yet it makes the remaining specimens all the more valuable and interesting, and in these days when we lay claim to so much for our applied arts they are a revelation of what was being done so long ago as the fifties.—New Haven Register.

BLINDNESS IS DIMINISHING.

No known disease which causes blindness is increasing under civilization. So that when we do finally come to our senses and fight all diseases alike, as we surely will, we have good right to confidently expect that blindness will be practically abolished, or reduced to less than five per cent. of its present frequency.

Even the risk of blindness from accidental causes, such as wounds, blows, scaldings and burnings, is very much less than it was before, and still diminishing on account of the enormously increased power of curing wounds of the eye given us by antisepsis and asepsis. Where ten eyes were lost by wounds becoming infected, less than one eye suppurates now.

This brings us to the fact that a large share of our troubles with our eyes in modern times is due, like cataract, to the fact that we have got into an inveterate habit of outliving them, as well as our teeth, our hair and our hearing, and of this we obstinately refuse to break ourselves. Nature doesn't borrow any trouble before she comes to it. As the average savage lived only about thirty years, Nature built his eye to last forty to forty-five, giving him a liberal margin of 50 per cent. Then we blame her because this eye that was "loaded" to carry for forty-five years will not go passively on and do all that is required of it until sixty, seventy or even seventy-five years of age.

Whenever we are willing to reform our bad habits of living too long, to abandon our "bloodthirsty clinging to life," as Matthew Arnold called it, we shall find less reason to complain of our eyes and ears.—Woman's Home Companion.

WHITE HOUSE CHEERY WITH PLANTS.

Mrs. Roosevelt has the good taste that prevents the overdecorating of a home. The White House today is a distinct improvement over that mansion as it used to be in the important particular of floral accessories and general ornamentation. The mistress of the White House is partial to growing flowers and plants rather than cut blossoms. The state rooms of the White House look cheery with pots of fuchsias and pepper plants glowing in the sun, with an occasional jardiniere of scarlet tipped poinsetta. Oriental palms in porcelain vases and ferns in quaint boxes of birch bark give a homelike look to the wide, bare halls of the lower wing. The entire ground floor is bright with growing things, many in bloom. Only an occasional vase of roses is seen on the mantle of the Blue Room. A growing plant invariably has the place of honor on the dining table.—New York Press.

EDUCATION NOT NEEDED.

The principal of a large public school on the upper West Side tells this story of the mother of one of her pupils. The principal is unmarried and a woman.

The pupil, a little girl, was getting along badly in school, so badly that the principal summoned the mother—who may be called Mrs. Smith—to talk the matter over.

"I don't know," she told Mrs. Smith, "what the trouble is with Ethel—whether she doesn't try to study, whether she isn't well, or what; but she doesn't keep up with her class at all."

"It doesn't matter," Mrs. Smith returned, placidly. "I have had six daughters and none of them did well at school."

There really seemed nothing to say in answer to this.

"I never did well at school myself," Mrs. Smith went on. "But what of it? I"—and she glanced with calm superiority at the spinster principal before her—"I married."—New York Tribune.

HOW TO KEEP YOUNG.

Some one once asked a woman how it was she kept her youth so wonderfully. Her hair was snowy white, she was 80 years old, and her energy was waning. But she never impressed one with the idea of age, for her heart was still young in sympathy and interest.

And this was her answer: "I know how to forget disagreeable things. I tried to master the art of saying pleasant things. I did not expect too much of my friends. I kept my nerves well in hand, and did not allow them to bore people. I tried to find any work that came to my hand congenial. I did my best to relieve the misery I came in contact with and sympathize with the suffering. In fact, I tried to do to others as I would be done by, and you see me, in consequence, reaping the fruits of happiness in a peaceful old age."—Banner of Gold.

ABOUT MARRIAGE.

Marriage is like a voyage at sea—it reveals character; it shows others what manner of men and women we are.—Lady Cook.

Love in a household is a thing to be worked for—not an overripe pear which will drop into the mouth of the first gaping clown.—Anonymous.

A man may be cheerful and contented in celibacy, but I do not think he can ever be happy; it is an unnatural state and the best feelings of his nature are never called into action.—Robert Southey.

A married man falling into misfortune is more apt to retrieve his situation in the world than a single one, chiefly because his spirits are soothed and restored by domestic endearments.—Jeremy Taylor.

MONUMENT TO PIONEER.

The Pioneer Daughters of California are raising funds to erect a monument on Market street in San Francisco to the pioneer mother. At a recent meeting in San Francisco Mrs. Philip V. Mighels said that she had received a letter saying that the pioneer mother should be portrayed in heroic size and presented like a goddess instead of in a family group. She answered that the pioneer mother was to be a human being, a figure that should speak of mother to every son for all time.

"That is why we want her here on Market street" declared Mrs. Mighels. "She will remind us that even in the mart of business the home is paramount and that everything else comes second."—New York Sun.

EMBROIDERED BAGS.

Happy is the woman who numbers among her possessions just now any such quaint and curious bags as women carried in bygone days. Embroidered by skilled fingers in wonderful stitchery, some of their old colors blend charmingly with present-day dresses, and now is the time to get them out, for the opportunity to use them may never occur again. It is a time when almost any of these old vanities—a scrap of old brocade, an old-fashioned jewel or an old buckle—may be made to do good service, and happy are they who possess them.—New York Tribune.

CRUSHES LOVE.

Selfishness crushes out love, and most of the people who are living together without affection for one another really care too much for themselves and too little for each other.—Home Chat.

FASHION NOTES.

The automobile is responsible for the array of long coats with which furriers are provided.

Some handsome tailored dresses of heavy cloth show sleeves of net or like fabric.

Opossum fur is the latest cry in Paris for coat collars, cuffs, revers, linings and waistcoats.

The two-toned striped stockings are the most fashionable hosiery.

French lingerie, brought over for brides, shows much less elaboration.

Laces showing an intermingling of metal thread are fashionable.

The jabot of white net is still very stylish with dressy tailor mades.

Quaint accessories rule with the renaissance gowns—such things as fitted bodices laced in the back, skin tight sleeves buttoned the whole length, old brocades, big mantles, etc.

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STEEL TRUST DIVIDENDS PAID IN HUMAN LIVES

In "Can Americans Afford Safety in Railroad Travel?" in McClure's, Carl Vrooman, the author, fixes the responsibility for the increasing risk of traveling in the United States. He writes:

"Apparently the railroad managers have decided that an unchecked increase in killings would mean ruin, and that if greater expenditures are necessary to reduce the percentage of accidents, they must be met. They say they are willing to pay the price good rails ought to be worth, even if dividends have to be cut, and, undoubtedly, some of them would like to stop buying from the Trust. Harriman has already ordered 150,000 tons from an independent concern which makes open-hearth steel rails, but his example cannot be generally followed, because the output of the comparatively few independent open-hearth process mills is not large enough to supply more than an insignificant portion of the total current demand.

"In a recent issue the Railroad Gazette said that no individual or combination of individuals knows better how to make good rails than the Steel Corporation, and drew attention to these points in the controversy: 'First, the criminal willingness of the Steel Corporation to manufacture rails that cost human life; second, the attitude, almost equally criminal, on the part of many high railroad officers to ignore the plain truths that are being brought before them by their superintendents and chief engineers.'

"As shown above these officers now seem thoroughly roused. At the meeting of the American Railway Association not one representative of the railroads was satisfied with the rails now being received. Representatives of the steel-makers who were present had nothing to say when asked to defend their processes of manufacture."

The many uses and inflammable character of celluloid have led to an active search for substitutes. The new material of C. Trocquenet, a French inventor, is a mixture of cellulose, asbestos and the organic matter contained in oyster shells. The cellulose is obtained by treating seaweed successively with acid and alkali and washing. The asbestos is ground with petroleum oil, while the ground oyster shells are treated with hydrochloric acid and the insoluble residue is boiled with water, washed with weak alkaline solution and collected on a filter. The mixture contains from fifty to sixty-five parts of cellulose, two to twelve parts of the oiled asbestos and twenty to forty-five parts of the oyster shell substance. The mass is treated with formaldehyde, suitably colored, and then pressed into any form or object for which celluloid can be used.

A Test For Coal Gas.

Do you suspect your hot-air furnace of leaking coal gas into the heat flues and into the house? A simple and effective way of testing for this trouble is to throw upon the furnace fire a large wad of cotton which has been saturated with oil of peppermint and thickly sprinkled with sulphur to make it burn quickly. Close the furnace door tightly and have some one who has not smelled the prepared cotton wad try to detect the odor in the rooms above. If it is found you will need a new drum for your furnace without delay.

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TERMS.—The terms of subscription to the Reporter are one dollar per year in advance.

ADVERTISEMENTS.—20 cents per lines for three insertions, and 5 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Other rates made known on application.

CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Reformed—Union, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening, Christmas service; Spring Mills, evening, Christmas service.

Lutheran—Tusseyville, morning; Spring Mills, afternoon; Centre Hall, no service. Please note that this is a change from the regular schedule.

Presbyterian—Centre Hall, morning; Spring Mills, afternoon.

Revival services in Zion Evangelical church Tusseyville, beginning Tuesday night, 29. All are invited to attend.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE—LETTERS TESTAmentary on the estate of Michael J. Decker, late of Potter Township, deceased, having been duly granted to the undersigned they would respectfully request any persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

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SALE REGISTER.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1 o'clock, by John R. Strong, at Potters Mills: Lot of household goods and numerous other articles.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, one o'clock, at Tusseyville: Personal property of Julia Ishler.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, Philip C. Frank, near Centre Hill: Farm stock and implements.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, nine o'clock, by Nicodemus Luse, on W. H. Meyer farm, one mile south east of Centre Hill: Seven horses, 40 head horn cattle, 32 sheep, 40 hogs; farm implements, all as good as new.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 12 o'clock, Julia A. Fye, admr., on Pierce Vonada farm, one-half mile north of Penns Cave: Horses, cows, full line farm implements, chickens, etc. H. H. Miller, auctioneer.

MONDAY, MARCH 15, Bitner & Harter, three miles west of Old Fort; Horses, cows, young cattle, hogs, and full line of farm implements.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, near Penns Cave, by H. D. Rossman: Farm stock, implements and household goods.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 10 a. m., 2 1-2 miles east of Centre Hall, by G. F. Emerick: Full line farm implements, horses and live stock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 12 o'clock, at Centre Hill, by John C. Bible & Son: Farm stock and implements. H. H. Miller, auctioneer.

GRAIN MARKET.

Rye	70	Wheat	1 00
Barley	60	Oats	50
		Corn	60

PRODUCE AT STORES.

Lard	09	Butter	28
Potatoes	85	Eggs	32

LOCALS

Our Christmas goods are new and well selected, C. P. Long's.

Rev. W. G. Finney, of Orbisonia, on his way to his home in Williamsport, stopped with Dr. W. H. Schuyler and family for a day.

Miss M. Eloise Schuyler is expected home this (Thursday) evening from Cape May, New Jersey, where she is teaching in the public schools.

Grandmother Jane Harper, after spending a week or more with her son J. C. Harper, in Bellefonte, is at home again with her daughter, Mrs. George H. Emerick.

L. J. Burris, of near Centre Hall, brought to the Reporter office a nice lot of choice apples that were very much enjoyed by the force on duty. They were fine in quality and appearance.

Samuel Weber, of New York, is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Weber, in this place, where his wife and baby have been staying for several months. Mr. Weber will remain here during the holidays.

The Howard Creamery Corporation had difficulty in securing a sufficient number of turkeys to supply the demands of their many customers. They buy poultry and eggs at all times, and it won't be well to always consult them before selling.

Centre Hall has one thing to congratulate itself on, and it is that little or no thieving has been carried on within its limits for a year or more. This is a condition that has not been experienced for thirty years, for during that time thieves had plied their profession to such an extent that it became intolerable, and finally the climax came. What another year may bring nobody knows, but no one is hankering for the return of the days when locks and bars went at a premium.

License Court.

In giving a report of the license court the Daily News says:

The annual license court was held Saturday morning at ten o'clock, with Judge Orvis presiding. The petitions were presented in due form by the different attorneys. There was one new application, that of E. E. Beales, who desires to open a hotel at Julian. Remonstrances were filed against Beales' application by some of the citizens of Julian. There were also remonstrances filed against James Runkle's hotel at Centre Hall. Depositions will be taken in regard to the two remonstrances and the Judge hopes to hand down his decision in all cases by the first of the year.

A Chapter of Prosperity.

The Yeagertown correspondent to the Bellville Times writes thus:

"A committee of three men from each of our Sunday Schools has been appointed to look after the needy of this vicinity. These committees will act in conjunction and all contributions of money, food or clothing placed in the hands of this committee will be given where it is most needed."

These needy are living at the doors of a highly protected industry, but they are without employment. There is at present a Republican president in the White House, a Republican House and a Republican Senate, and a Republican president-elect. The lesson is obvious.

The State Assembly.

The Pennsylvania Legislature will have a Republican majority of 177 on joint ballot. The Senate will be made up of 39 Republicans and 11 Democrats. This is a gain of one for the Democrats. In the House there will be 176 Republicans and 31 Democrats. In the last House there were 156 Republicans, 50 Democrats and one Independent.

Congregation Remembers Pastor.

The Sprucetown congregation of the Methodist church presented their pastor, Rev. J. Max Lantz, with a purse of ten dollars, and the organist, Mrs. Michael Smith, and the organist of the Sunday school, Miss Bessie Breon, each with a hymnal. The hymnals have the names of the recipients on them. It was a real surprise to the pastor and the ladies, and they returned the most hearty thanks.

LOCALS.

Come and see our Christmas goods, C. P. Long's.

Miss Flora Love, a compositor on the Democratic Watchman, is spending the holidays with friends in and about Centre Hall.

Sheriff-elect Hurley sold his interest in the livery business heretofore conducted by the Hurley Brothers, in Philipsburg, to his brother George, who will continue the same.

Several tons of turkeys were shipped from the Centre Hall station this week to make Christmas dinners for families in all parts of the state. The poultry business is becoming an extensive one.

"What is to be done about alien immigration?" We are always asking ourselves this. There is an answer, and a practical one, and John L. Mathews has outlined it in the story of "Tontitown," in the January number Everybody's Magazine.

Rudolph K. McDonald, treasurer of the Reedsville K. G. E. lodge, the mention of whose embezzlement of $3200 appears elsewhere in this issue, pleaded guilty before Judge Woods and was sentenced to two years in the Western Penitentiary.

Wilbur F. Burkholder, who for the past three or four years had been telegraph operator at the P. R. R. station in Bellefonte, has received a well deserved promotion. After the first of the year he will be transferred to Tyrone where he will be telegraph operator in the superintendent's office.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Detwiler, of near Penns Cave, are off on a holiday vacation, having left their home Friday. Their first stop was at Harrisburg, where a son, W. E. Detwiler, is located, and from there they will go to Philadelphia, where they will be entertained by C. S. Detwiler, another son.

After the holidays Prof. Irwin W. Zeigler, who for the past year has been located at Landsford, will be at Lambertville, New Jersey. Mr. Zeigler is now engaged with the Dodd, Meade & Co., publishers of the International Eucyclopedia, and on account of this is obliged to do more or less moving from one place to another. At present he is with his mother, Mrs. Lydia Zeigler, near Centre Hall, where he will remain for the holiday season.

W. A. Snyder, of Salona, at present register and recorder of Clinton county, will move his family to Lock Haven after April first. He has yet one year to serve as a county official, and after the first of the year will also be one of the clerical force in the Lock Haven Trust and Safe Deposit Company bank. Mr. Snyder is well known in this county, and for several years as a school book agent he came in touch with the school directors. His acquaintances will wish him all the good fortune that it is possible for him to bear.

Harris Township.

Will Cramer, of Rock View, is spending the week in this place.

Elmer Houtz and family, of Rock Hill, spent Sunday in Boalsburg.

S. E. Weber and sister, Miss Anna, spent Tuesday at the county seat.

Mrs. John Kline, of Bellefonte, spent several days in Boalsburg.

Mrs. Mary Brouse, of Pine Grove Mills, is visiting in Boalsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wert, of Tusseyville, were in Boalsburg Saturday.

Alvin Myers, with his little son Harold, were recent visitors from Altoona.

John and Harry Steele, of Bellefonte, attended to business in Boalsburg, Monday.

S. E. Kimport and daughters Ruth and Mary, of State College, were guests at the home of J. F. Kimport, Sunday.

Mrs. H. A. Harro, with her children, visited in Bellefonte the early part of this week.

Misses Mary Reish and Nora Miller spent an afternoon at the Andrew Lytle home, near State College.

Miss Mary Markle expects to spend Christmas and New Year with her brother, at Blue Ball.

James Reed attended the funeral of his brother William, at Bellefonte, on Monday. He died suddenly Saturday from heart disease.

During the service in the Reformed church Sunday evening two new horse blankets were taken from the sled of J. M. Ross, of Linden Hall.

John Durner bought a property on Church street, from G. W. Garberic, for $650, and is already making some improvements.

Miss Emeline Hess, of near Shingletown, spent Saturday and Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Mary Shugert, in Boalsburg.

Mrs. William Steele returned to her home in Bellefonte after spending some time at the Dinges home, where she assisted in caring for Mr. Dinges.

Prof. C. T. Houtz, of Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, was a visitor at the home of Adam Felty. Sunday he filled the pulpits of the Lutheran churches at Pine Grove Mills and Pine Hall.

Miss Annie Lohr attended the funeral of her uncle, David Lohr, Saturday. The services were held in the Presbyterian church, and interment was made in the cemetery adjoining the church (the Myers cemetery.)

S. H. Bailey spent Sunday with his brother, Commissioner John G. Bailey, who is ill at his home at Pine Grove Mills. Mr. Bailey was stricken with paralysis last Thursday, while at Lock Haven. Friday he was brought to Bellefonte, and from there taken to his home on Saturday.

One of the joyful events of the Christmas season was a little party given by Mrs. H. A. Harro Saturday afternoon, in honor of the birthdays of her little daughters, Cecil and Henrietta. Ice cream and cake were served. The Misses who were present were as follows: Mary and Rachel Segner, Katharine and Caroline Stamm, Grace and Dorothy Wieland, Tammie and Eloise Lee, Marion Whitehill, Helen Coxey, Mary Kidder, Mildred Gingerich, Beryl Brouse, Emeline Harrison and Elizabeth Lucas.

F. W. Weber shipped a bureau to Miss Ella Rhone, at Los Angeles, California, and a sewing stand to David Stuart, Duquesne Station, Pittsburg, as Christmas gifts. Both articles of furniture are fine specimens of his handiwork. The bureau had been the property of Mrs. Rebecca Sparr, deceased, and had been in her possession since her girlhood days. At the sale of her household goods it was purchased by Mrs. Sophia Hall, an aunt of Miss Rhone, who had it repaired and ordered it sent to her at Christmas time.

Mrs. Eliza Reeder died at the home of her son, Peter Sones, Wednesday morning of last week, and was buried in the cemetery at Boalsburg Saturday forenoon. Rev. J. I. Stonecypher officiated. Her daughter, Mrs. Annie Wagner, of Altoona; Wm. Sones and wife, of Spring Mills, and John Sones and wife, of Ferguson township, were her children who were present at the funeral. Owing to a change made as to the time for the funeral, her son, Daniel, of Altoona, and a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Blair, of Scotia, came on Friday and were obliged to return the same day, consequently could not be present at the service.

Red Cross Stamp Purchasers,

Red Cross Christmas stamps were purchased at the Reporter office by those whose names are appended. This all for charity:

Flora Walker, Sarah Neff, Ross Bushman, W. J. Smith, Virna Rowe, Mrs. Lucy Henney, C. Asher Stahl, Mrs. Daniel Gress, Samuel J. Rowe, Cleve. Mitterling, Samuel Burris, Mrs. M. A. Resnick, Mrs. Rebecca Floray, Virgie Durst, Edna Murray, Leslie Jacobs, Mrs. George Heckman, Mrs. A. E. Kerlin, Centre Hall. H. A. Wilkinson, Potters Mills.

Arney Property Sold.

The Frank Arney property, consisting of a house, stable and about three-fourths acre of ground, was sold by William Gfrerer to D. A. Boozer. Consideration $700. Frank Arney is the present tenant, and will remain there during the coming year.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Moore, Wednesday morning.

Colyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Horner and daughter Mary visited at the home of Harry Horner, on the Colyer farm Sunday.

Clyde Stem and wife visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Horner.

Miss Sadie Lee, the seamstress, who had been employed at the homes of William Rockey and Thomas Swartz, last week, went to Boalsburg where she will sew for Mrs. Alfred Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Farner left on Monday for Philadelphia to visit their son Thomas at that place. They will not return until after the holiday season.

The United Evangelical Sunday School of this place elected their officers for the year 1909 on Sunday. The officers are as follows: Superintendent, Henry Gettig; Assistant Superintendent, Arthur Slutterbeck; Secretary, Marion Meiss; Treasurer, J. Kline; Organist, Bertha Miller; Librarians, Orpha Fleisher and Mary Slutterbeck

Mrs. Mary Long, who is living at the home of Aaron Detwiler, had the misfortune of falling and breaking her leg.

Rev. Caris, of Spring Mills, was unable to fill the pulpit at Zion on Sunday on account of illness.

William Mitterling and wife, of Centre Hall, visited at the home of Henry Moyer on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Jordan did some shopping in Bellefonte one day last week.

James Swabb, the health inspector, visited the schools through here last week

The scribe of this place wishes the editor and the readers of the Reporter all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Aaronsburg.

Miss Eliza Summers, of Williamsport, is visiting her parents at present.

Misses Ardrenna Harmon, Bessie and Marion Stover returned home after a few months' stay with friends at State College.

Harry Bower, of Altoona, spent a few days here, returning to his work on Monday.

Mrs. Kathryn Smull Mechtly, of State College, and Miss Minnie Beaver, of Millheim, spent a day last week with friends in town.

Mrs. Wilmer Stover returned from a pleasant visit among friends at Trevorton, Shamokin and Mifflinburg.

Miss Martha Wyle returned home after spending a few weeks pleasantly with friends at Lewistown.

Messrs. Walter Orwig and C. W. Wyle, for a few days last week, were guests of friends in Union county.

Miss Bertha Sheeder, a student at Irving College, Mechanicsburg, is here for the Christmas vacation which she will spend with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. B. R. M. Sheeder.

Thomas Weaver and wife, of Woll's Chapel, spent the Sabbath with his mother. He will have charge of the music at the Christmas service in the Reformed church Christmas eve.

Prof. P. H. Meyer, of Centre Hall, made a business trip to this town on Friday.

Mrs. Arthur Lee, of Tusseyville, visited her mother, Mrs. Swabb, for a few days. The latter is improving some.

Merrill Eisenhour, teacher of the intermediate school, went to Beavertown Saturday and returned home Tuesday with his bride. Congratulations are now in order.

Your correspondent wishes all the readers of this excellent paper a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The Pink Label

If you would like to have the figures on your label advanced before the next Pink Label appears, send the funds before January 1st, as the label figures will be changed at that time.

Christmas Post Cards.

The assortment of Christmas post cards offered for sale at this office are the prettiest to be had anywhere. Not a cheap card in the bunch. Sent by mail in any quantity at the rate of two for five cents.

ORPHAN'S COURT SALE—By virtue of an order of the Orphan's Court of Centre County, the undersigned will expose at public sale or outcry, on the premises one-half mile east of Colyer, Pa., on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1909, 1 P. M.,

the following real estate, being the property of Martha S. Farner, late of Potter Township, deceased:

Purpart No. 1. Beginning at a corner of lands of J. S. Housman and Henry Shadow, at the north side of the public road; thence along lands of said Henry Shadow, north four and four-tenth perches to a stone; thence along land, late of Hanah Moore, east six perches to a stone; thence along same south four and four-tenth percnes to a stone; thence along public road west six perches to stone, and place of beginning, containing twenty-six and four-tenth perches, neat measure.

Purpart No. 2. Beginning near public road, thence along lands of Sarah Shadow, north nineteen and one-half degrees west eighteen and seven-tenth perches to stones; thence by lands of Susan Housman, south fifty-three degrees, west eight perches to stone; thence by residue of tract south nineteen and one-half degrees, east twenty perches; thence by public road north sixty-six and one-half degrees, east eight perches to the place of beginning, containing one hundred and fifty-four perches, neat measure. There being erected on said premises a two story frame dwelling house and other outbuildings.

TERMS OF SALE—10 per cent. of purchase money to be paid or secured on day of sale; one-third thereof, less said 10 per cent., to be paid April 1st, 1909, and the balance to be secured by judgment or bond and mortgage at one year from April 1st, 1909, with interest at 6 per cent. per annum.

WM. C. FARNER,
Admr. of the estate of Martha S. Farner, dec'd.

Inexpensive Christmas presents at C. P. Long's.

A CYCLONE OF FLAME

Fires In Bamboo Forests Are the Fiercest Known.

SWEEP ON A MILE A MINUTE.

Like the Roar, the Roll and the Rattle of a Great Battle Is the Noise of the Exploding Stalks That Sometimes Shoot High Into the Air.

When the forests are afire, when the smoke makes dusk at noon and reddens the harvest moon a thousand miles away, there is the measure of a conflagration. When the prairies burn, as they used to before farms had crept in upon the endless miles of grass, there was a fire which ran like mad and left behind it a blackened trail of death. If one could combine the speed of the prairie fire with the tumult of the blazing forest, that would be a fire indeed.

Such a combination is effected when the bamboo groves catch fire. The bamboo is but a grass, a grass with the height of a tree, swaying stems reaching 100, even 150, feet in air.

In Cambodia, where the bamboo groves along the rivers cover the space of forests, it is no unusual thing for fires to break out and sweep all before them for many miles. If the summer has been dry the bamboo turns sear and inflammable as any grass.

All that is needed is a spark; then ruin runs red. It is not necessary to rely upon the carelessness of the woodsman to start the blaze. The bamboo can kindle itself.

Let two swaying stalks of dry bamboo be set in motion by the breeze, let one rub across the other long enough, and the friction will set the spark, and the long dry leaves will feed the flame. It is known that many fires of the bamboo forests thus originate. Perhaps it was from observing such a sight that primitive man learned the Promethean secret. That theory has been advanced.

As soon as a flame in the bamboos has crept to the level of the tossing tips it spreads like wildfire. The wind carries a sheet of flame along the grove at tremendous speed. Some observers say that such fires have been seen to move forward at the rate of more than a mile a minute. Seen from below, it looks as if she sky had burst into an instant flash of flame.

From such a burst of fire there could be no escape. Fortunately it passes high overhead at the tops of the bamboos. It serves as a warning to the traveler who may be making his way along some one of the water courses by which the forest is intersected. The bamboo itself is almost an obstacle to travel of any sort. It is well nigh impossible to force a way through it except by the slow and toilsome labor of hewing out a path.

The fire in the great trunks moves more slowly, and if warning be taken it may be possible to sink one's boat and throw up wet herbage and clay against the bank of the stream to provide shelter until the furnace blast has blown by. Such a fire in the bamboo has not only the speed of the prairie fire on its sweep overhead, but it has the same volume of fuel as is found in any forest fire. It combines the two types.

Bamboo forest fires have another quality which is all their own. They bang and rattle with thunderous crashes, as of artillery fire, without cessation.

The stalks of these tree bamboos are frequently more than a foot in diameter. Near the ground the joints are close together; in the younger growth the nodes may be several feet apart. But, long or short as they may be, each joint of the sun dried bamboo is a tightly sealed chamber filled with air. The partitions between the cavities are singularly tough; the outside rind of the stalks is almost pure flint.

When the blast of the flame sweeps onward the air in the stalks upon which it is driven is suddenly heated to a very high temperature. The residuum of moisture which may be in the stems is immediately transformed into steam and at once subjected to superheating, thus becoming a violent explosive. As the hot breath of the flame becomes hotter these joints burst with loud cannon discharges.

Sometimes the force of the explosion near the roots is so great as to shoot the stalk like a javelin high into the air, where it flashes into torchlike flame and is carried by the wind to spread wider disaster. The bursting of the smaller joints is like the roll and rattle of rifles and machine guns. The effect is that of a battle hotly contested.—Washington Post.

An Aquatic Outfielder.

One day a ship was lying at anchor at Boca Grande when the crew observed a dolphin chasing a flying fish, both coming directly toward the ship. On nearing the vessel the flier arose in the air and passed over the bow just abaft the foremast. As it did so the dolphin went under the ship and, coming up on the other side, sprang from the water and caught the flying fish on "the fly" just as it was curving gracefully down in its descent to the water.—Punta Gorda Herald.

Missing Opportunities.

"I have no patience with a man who makes the same mistake twice," said Armes, rather severely, in speaking of an unfortunate friend.

"Neither have I," agreed his wife, "when there are so many other mistakes to make."—Youth's Companion.

He that studieth revenge keepeth his own wounds green.—Bacon.

THE CARNAGE OF WAR

Story of a Survivor of the Battle of Gravelotte.

INTO THE JAWS OF DEATH.

An Advance Under Fire From Behind Barricades That Literally Mowed Down the Charging Troops—A Hand to Hand Conflict In the Streets.

William Guldner, a survivor of the battle of Gravelotte, the most hard fought victory of the Franco-Prussian war, tells in Harper's Magazine how he saw the victory as color bearer of his regiment:

"It must have been, I think, about 4 o'clock when Colonel von Boehn rode to the head of the regiment, and we all straightened quick, as on parade. And he said sharp a few words, something like, 'Men, the regiment has a good name, and you will give it a still better one.' I was in front and could hear part of what he said.

"The colonel led us to the left, and we crossed a railroad track and went through another little white village, and then we faced a slope—a long slope—with a village on it, which the French had made into a fort, and we, our regiment and others, were to capture it, and there were many Frenchmen and cannon there.

"The colonel rode on a horse, he and the majors and the adjutants. Our captains usually rode, too, but this day the captains sent their horses back and went on foot.

"And soon our first men began to fall, for we came under the fire of the chassepot. It was hard, for we could not see the enemy. These first ones were many sharpshooters in a ditch, and the noise of their firing was like that of a coffee mill—kr-r-r-r-r-r! They drew off as we went forward. It was only at a walk that we went—a steady walk, just as if there were no bullets there.

"And now we would run forward fifty yards and throw ourselves flat, then another fifty yards and the halt and the falling flat, and each time we could see the village that was a fortress nearer.

"And once when we were lying down and I saw that the officers were standing, just cool and quiet, it came to me that a man has to pay in such ways to be an officer.

"I saw the colonel fall. He was shot from his horse and carried back.

"The first major, he took command, and he galloped to the skirmish line, and he was shot. Then the second major, too, was shot, and he tried to get up, but he could not stand, and he sat on a big stone and shouted: 'Go on! Go on!' And he took a gun from a dead man and fired it.

"We were ordered to fix bayonets, and that made us glad, but even yet the men carried their rifles on their shoulders as they ran. We were not near enough to charge with bayonets.

"I wish I could tell you what it was like as we got near that village of St. Privat—the noise, the smoke, the flashes, the falling men and only one desire in our hearts.

"There were three sergeants in the color section, one at each side of me. And first the one at my right was killed. Then the one at my left was shot—eight big bullets in his body from a mitrailleuse—eight! Yet he afterward got well, while many a man died from only one little bullet.

"And at last we went at a bayonet charge, and for the first time there was a cheer, a wild and savage cheer, and we ran on, eager to plunge the bayonets, and we could see as we came near the village that the French were firing from behind barricades and garden walls and from windows.

"And we looked into the wild faces of the French, and they met us hand to hand. Ah, we climbed over walls and barricades, and we fired and bayoneted, and we fought them in the streets!

"On and on we went. It was a wild time of shooting, bayoneting, wrestling, clubbing, shouting. On and on, but it was slow work and terrible, for the French fought for every step.

"I was at the front, for I had the colors. There were a few officers still left, and they were shouting and waving their swords, and other regiments stormed into the village with us, and after awhile—I can't say how long—the place was ours.

"As I tell it to you it seems perhaps a simple thing. But when the regiment was paraded before the battle began we were more than 2,000 men and more than fifty officers, and we lost in the fight forty officers and more than a thousand men. Yes, that was the loss of just my regiment alone. It was morderisch, but it was necessary.

"Well, it was over. The village was blazing, and many a dead man lay in the ruins. Some sat upright, dead, with their backs against walls."

India's Fame.

They were holding an "exam" in an east London school, and the teacher was explaining the chief products of the Indian empire. One child recited a list of comestibles. "Please, miss, India produces curries and pepper and citron and chillies and chutney and—and"— "Yes, yes, and what comes after that?" "Please, miss, I don't remember." "Yes, but think. What is India so famous for?" "Please, miss, India-gestion."

The greatest of all human benefits, that, at least, without which no other benefit can be truly enjoyed, is independence.—Parke Godwin.

DEATHS.

WILLIAM REED.

Saturday morning the angel of death entered the Reed home in Bellefonte, and called hence to the spirit world the venerable husband and father, William Reed.

Mr. Reed had been in failing health for a year or more, but had only been confined to his bed for the past few weeks. His death was due to heart disease.

The deceased was born in Boalsburg, and would have been seventy-seven years old on the 17th of next March. He was the son of David Reed and the early part of his life was spent near Pine Grove Mills. He was a stone mason by trade and for the past eighteen years had been a resident of Bellefonte.

When the Civil war broke out he entered the three months' service, serving in Company H, 7th Pennsylvania Infantry. Afterwards he enlisted in Company I, 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry, serving to the close of the war.

On the 17th of November, 1878, he was united in marriage to Miss Lois J. Shire, who survives him with one daughter, Maude May, wife of Harry R. Keister, of Bellefonte.

He is survived by two brothers and two sisters, namely: David, Sarah and Margaret, of near Pine Grove Mills, and James, of near Boalsburg.

MRS. SARAH J. FOUST.

After suffering for some time Mrs. Sarah J. Foust, nee Carson, widow of Harrison Foust, of Potters Mills, died early Monday morning. Interment will take place this (Thursday) morning, at Sprucetown, services at the house at 10:30, Rev. J. Max Lantz, pastor of the Methodist church officiating.

The deceased was born at Egg Hill, October 1, 1840, and was therefore aged sixty-eight years, two months and twenty-one days. She was the mother of eleven children and twenty-two grandchildren. The following children survive: J. Lewis Foust, Potters Mills; Henry Foust, Jeannette; Mrs. George J. Boal, Miss Elizabeth, both of Potters Mills.

These brothers and sister also survive: James and John Carson, of Bellefonte; William Carson, Clearfield, and Mrs. James Armstrong, Potters Mills.

MRS. BARBARA STAMM.

Mrs. Barbara Stamm, widow of D. L. Stamm, died Wednesday evening of last week at her home in Loganton, aged sixty-six years. She is survived by five sons and four daughters, Charles, Loganton; James and Cyrus, Jersey Shore Junction; Fred, Greenburr; Mrs. J. R. Schrack, Mrs. H. D Mark, Mrs. W. G. Frankenberger, Mrs. Ray Miller, all of Loganton.

Oak Hall.

A merry Christmas to all.

Edward Cunningham, wife and daughter Mary visited friends in Bellefonte from Saturday until Monday.

Miss Laura Benner spent Wednesday with friends in Boalsburg.

Mrs. Sue Peters and son Arthur, of Pine Grove Mills, visited friends in town last week.

Miss Mary Homan is home from the Lock Haven Normal for the Christmas season.

Charles Dale, of the Branch, spent Monday afternoon at Sunny Hillside.

W. H. Close, Mrs. John Close, Misses Gertrude Wieland and Cathryn Dale spent Sunday at the county seat.

Daniel Lowder and wife transacted business in State College last week.

John Kline and wife, of Buffalo Run, were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Elmer Lowder, on Thursday.

The pupils of the Grammar and Primary schools will have a Christmas tree and entertainment Thursday afternoon.

Messrs. Gregory and Baumgardner, of Huntingdon county were in this vicinity last week.

Sober.

A. C. Sheesley purchased a good horse.

The roof on H. V. Gentzell's house was on fire several times last week, but by the help of his neighbors the fire was outened and the house saved.

Saturday morning his barn, together with all the feed, was burned to the ground. How the barn caught fire is not known.

A little boy came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Auman last week.

Mary Zerby is still numbered among the sick.

Aaron Auman lost a valuable horse some time ago.

H. Eisenhuth is taking out timber.

B. F. Shaffer is suffering from rheumatism and the grip.

C. K Sober, of Lewisburg, spent a day at the home of U. G. Auman.

Al. Barger is the muskrat trapper in these parts.

The sleighing is good at present.

Ezra Confer is working at the stave mill in Decker Valley.

James H. Cori, commissioner's clerk, has been drawn as a United States juror to serve at the United States circuit court to be held at Williamsport beginning January 11th.

Centre Reporter, $1.00 per year.

Smithgall-Van Pelt.

One of the chief social events of the holiday season in Centre county was the marriage of John Daniel Smithgall and Miss Romie Van Pelt, at the home of Col. J. L. Spangler, of Bellefonte, uncle of the bride, Tuesday evening, at six o'clock.

The ceremony used was that of the Presbyterian church, and is known as the "new" service of that church. The officiating minister was Rev. J. Allison Platts. The bride was given away by Col. Spangler. Miss Anne Harris was maid of honor, and Miss Kate Brisbin and Miss Jennie Harris bridesmaids, and Clay McCormick, groomsman. The ushers were John Van Pelt, brother of the bride, and Edward Ellis.

The Spangler home was beautifully decorated and adding to this the handsomely dressed ladies at the wedding altar and among the seventy-five or one hundred guests, made the scene one most pleasing.

After the wedding supper a reception and dance were given.

The bride was dressed in an ivory satin gown, wore a veil and wreath of orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet. She never looked prettier, nor happier. The maid of honor wore white satin and carried a shower bouquet. Miss Brisbin wore blue satin, and Miss Harris, pink satin.

On returning from their honeymoon trip to Philadelphia and New York, Mr. and Mrs. Smithgall will take up housekeeping at Austin, where Mr. Smithgall is principal of the borough schools.

Will Lecture to Farmers.

W. Gross Mingle, manager of the Howard Creamery Corporation, is about completing arrangements whereby the farmers of this section will be enabled to hear, free of all cost, a most valuable lecture on dairying by Prof. Hubert Everett Van Norman, professor of Dairy Husbandry, Pennsylvania State College. The lecture will be given about the middle of January, in Grange Arcadia, if present plans are carried to completion. Every farmer who possibly can, whether at present interested in dairying or not, should make an effort to be present and hear Prof. Van Norman. More definite information will appear later in these columns.

Attorney's Notice.

To my Clients and the Public:—

I expect to assume my duties as Representative at Harrisburg, Pa., January 5th, 1909. So long as circumstances will allow, I will be at my office in Bellefonte, Monday forenoon and Friday and Saturday of each week, where I shall be pleased to meet any one who may desire to see me professionally.

J. CALVIN MEYER,
Bellefonte, Pa.

Christmas Services.

The following dates have been named on which Christmas services will be rendered:

Centre Hall—Reformed, Sunday evening, 27th.

Penn Hall—Salem Reformed, Christmas evening.

Spring Mills—Lutheran, Christmas eve.

Spring Mills—Reformed, Sunday evening, 27th.

Aaronsburg—Reformed, Christmas eve.

Georges Valley—Evangelical, Christmas evening.

Rebersburg—Lutheran, Christmas eve.

Boalsburg—Reformed, Christmas eve.

Boalsburg—Lutheran, Christmas evening.

Marriage Licenses

Ellory W. Tice, Howard
Susie M. Schenck, Howard

Charles W. Holtzapple, Clarence
Ida E. Fye, Clarence

William Weaver, Snydertown
Mable Colyer, Snydertown

Franklin M. White, Zion
Rebecca M. Glossner, Jacksonville

George E. Straw, Wall
Annie Andrews, Julian

Albert Hebben, Victor
Bessie Burkey, Philipsburg

William L. Bechdel, Blanchard
Tillie M. Smith, Howard

William E. McMonigal, Altoona
Mable Walk, Port Matilda

George B. Hoover, Bellefonte
Elizabeth C. Hull, Bellefonte

John D. Smithgall, Montoursville
Helen Romelia VanPelt, Centre Hall

Richard Fink, Julian
Sarah Sones, Julian

William K. Osman, State College
Beulah B. Smith, Pine Grove Mills

William P. Brindle, Rebersburg
Anna Mary Brungart, Wolfs Store

William H. Stoner, Centre Hall
Rebecca Leech, Bellefonte

Walter C. Carsons, Benore
Anna B. Weaver, Benore

James G. Carsons, Bellefonte
Florence Lowly, State College

The first concrete bridge to be erected in either Centre or Clearfield county has been completed and opened to public travel at Philipsburg. It spans Moshannon Creek, which is the dividing line between the two counties at that point.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Perry H. Luse and son Ralph Wednesday moaning started on a three weeks' trip to relatives in Johnstown, and Bellevue, Ohio.

Mrs. B. F. Homan, who underwent an operation at her home at Oak Hall Station, performed by Drs Woods and Kidder, is gradually improving.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Huyett and daughters, Misses Leila and Miriam, Wednesday morning went to Reading and will remain over the holiday season with relatives.

The January number of The Ladies' World has three features that would attract attention in any magazine because of their timeliness and method of treatment.

Arthur Dale, a student at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, has arrived home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Dale, in Bellefonte.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Farner, of near Colyer, are off on a pleasure trip to Philadelphia, where they will remain for a month with their son, Thomas F. Farner and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E Homan, of near Centre Hall, have issued invitations for the celebration of their twenty-fifth marriage anniversary, January 2, between ten and four o'clock.

Mrs. Anna Spangler, Mrs. F. O. Bairfoot, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gross Mingle, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Boozer and Miss Pearl Runkle attended the Smithgall-Van Pelt wedding Tuesday evening. The former is the grandmother of the bride.

The man who would seek to deprive the children of the happiness which flows from their belief in Santa Claus should be taken into the woods and tied to a hemlock tree until after the holidays. Of all knockers the Christmas knocker is the most despicable, for he attempts to decrease the pleasures of the children without any beneficial result. He himself does not believe in Santa Claus but he should keep his opinions to himself and permit the little tots to enjoy the Christmas festival in their own way. It's a mean man who will deprive children of their happiness, no matter under what guise he appears.

Spring Mills

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gramley made a business trip to Bellefonte last Thursday.

Mrs. H. S. Braucht and Mrs. W. O. Gramley visited in Howard last week.

Thursday of last week Katie McCool had the misfortune of falling on the ice and spraining her knee. At this writing she is on the mend.

Boyd Auman left for Renovo where he has secured a position in the express office.

Charles Auman, who is teaching school at Vandergrift, Pa., is home for the holidays.

Charles Allison, who is employed by the York Refrigerator Company, and William Allison, a student at Pennsylvania State College, are spending the Christmas season at home.

Rufus Finkle is home for his Christmas vacation. He is a member of the sub-Freshman class at State College.

Mrs. Margaret Ruhl has rented the John Horner property and will occupy it in the spring. It is rumored that Mr. Horner will go west.

Tuesday morning Ira Bartley began to harvest a seven-inch ice crop. This is the time to prepare for next summer's hot days.

Quite a number of people from this place attended the Christmas service held in the Lutheran church at Centre Hall last Sunday evening.

Another fire last Saturday night. This time it was W. L. Campbell's smoke house and as a result the station agent has his supply of summer meat ruined.—Are you doing anything to help start the new water company?

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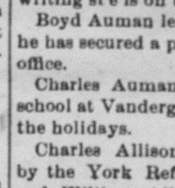

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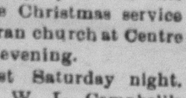

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During the first issues of January bills will be mailed to all subscribers to the Reporter who are in arrears. The publisher prefers not to send bills until after the first of the year, as many subscriptions are paid about that time by a large number of patrons. These bills will be enclosed in the regular issue of the paper, such enclosures being permissible under the postoffice ruling.

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PROGRAM WEEK OF PRAYER, 1909.

Sunday, January 3rd, 7 P. M. — Lutheran Church
Subject: The Law of the Harvest. Gal. 6:7; James 4:3. Sermon by Rev. W. H. Schuyler, Ph. D.

Monday, January 4th, 7:15 P. M. — Evangelical Church
Subject: The Bible—the Word of God. II Tim. 3:16,17; II Peter 1:21. Sermon by Rev. Daniel Gress.

Tuesday, January 5th, 7:15 P. M. — Reformed Church
Subject: God's Faithfulness. Man's Responsibility. I Cor. 1:3-8; Luke 12:42-54; Phil. 2:12,13. Sermon by Rev. B. F. Bieber.

Wednesday, January 6th, 7:15 P. M. — Presbyterian Church
Subject: Missions, Home and Foreign. Matt. 28:19,20. Sermon by Rev. J. Max Lantz.

Thursday, January 7th, 7:15 P. M. — Methodist Church
Subject: Intemperance and Gambling. Prov. 20:1; 23-32; Rom. 12:17; I Cor. 6:10. Sermon by Rev. J. R. Sechrist.

Friday, January 8th, 7:15. — Lutheran Church
Subject: The Family and the School. Gen. 2:24; Psalm 68:5,6; Matt. 19:5, 6. Sermon by Rev. W. H. Schuyler, Ph. D.

Saturday, January 9th, 7:15 P. M. — Evangelical Church
Subject: The Signs of the Times. Rev. 11:15; Phil. 2:9-11; Matt. 24:14. Sermon by Rev. Daniel Gress.

Sunday, January 10th, 7 P. M. — Reformed Church
Subject: Christ the Giver of Life. John 14:6. Sermon by Rev. J. R. Sechrist.

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CHRISTMAS GREETING

BY JOHN B. TABB

Good morning, Lord! For little boys
The day more generous is of joys
Than unto men, they say:
If so, for greater happiness
Teach us Thy holy name to bless
With fuller hearts than they!

HEARTENING THE SUPERINTENDENT

BY RICHARD BARKER SHELTON

THE superintendent was a tall, thin young man, with slightly stooping shoulders and near-sighted eyes which peered keenly through the heavy lenses of his eyeglasses. "Our Mr. Crawford," as he was always called by the general manager of the Perfection Electric Switch Company, had been transferred from his place as foreman of the wiring department to be superintendent of the factory at a time when an iron hand was needed to remedy the mischief which the lax methods and general inefficiency of his departing predecessor had created.

It was a difficult problem of reorganization that he had been called upon to face, but time had proved that the general manager's faith—he had stoutly advocated Crawford against the firm's opposition—had not been misplaced. The new superintendent had entered upon his duties quietly, unassumingly, but with a tenacity of purpose and an unrelenting energy that bent all things to his will. Three of the best years of his life he gave unhesitatingly and uncomplainingly to the work before him. At the end of that time the factory was running with a smoothness that took several wrinkles out of the general manager's brow and made the firm think seriously of increasing the plant.

"Our Mr. Crawford"—the firm spoke of him proudly in this manner now—had made himself necessary to the Perfection Electric Switch Company, but his success had not been entirely satisfactory to himself. With all his quiet force, the superintendent was a very human young man. He had hoped to gain the complete confidence of the men and women under him. It was respect he wanted rather than fear.

The lax, easy going regime of the former superintendent had made that careless individual very popular with the factory hands. They had given him all sorts of presents on his birthdays and at Christmas time. The day his "resignation"—oh, euphonic term!—had gone into effect they had presented him with an ornate watch charm, and when, red in the face and embarrassed he had tried to stammer his thanks, they had cheered him roundly and pressed about him to shake his hand. Powell had undoubtedly been popular with his employes, but his popularity had been gained at the expense of results in the output of the factory.

Under the new superintendent the output was satisfactory—and more. The question that continually presented itself to the young man's troubled mind was whether, in the interests of the firm he had not been too harsh with the employes. In eradicating the evils Jim Powell had wrought he had found it necessary to calculate in cold-blooded fashion, to be ready with blame and chary of praise. The result was inevitable. While the profits grew steadily Crawford realized that it was because of his ceaseless vigilance and the firmness with which he held the employes at work.

There were times—when he was tired, especially—when it seemed to him that he had merely developed into a successful slave driver.

Sometimes at 6 o'clock, when the big gong had sounded, he would sit by the time-machine and watch the men file down the stairs. He would have given much if here and there in the long line a face had been lifted to his with a nod or a comprehending smile, but the "hands" rang in their time in sullen silence. His very presence seemed to chill their spirits, and when one of them looked at him it was either with bitterness or a blank stare.

Meanwhile the Perfection Electric Switch Company prospered amazingly, and at the same time the superintendent grew a little more stoop-shouldered, a little more reserved, a little more heavy of eye.

In November of the third year it happened that "Our Mr. Crawford" was taken sick. At the time he was putting forth strenuous efforts to have an increase of pay for the employes, in consequence of which he was at the office several days when he should have been in bed. He wanted the hands to understand that their work had been appreciated, and although he had to grind his teeth to keep from crying out with the pain he went daily to the office and argued with the general manager and the members of the firm.

The firm was obdurate. It was decided finally that, in view of the extensive additions that were to be made to the plant the increase could not be granted for another year. Sick at heart and racked with pain the superintendent staggered to his apartments in the gray November dusk, went to bed and sent for a doctor. The physician came, chided the young man for his carelessness of his health and said a slight operation would be necessary the next day.

The operation was successful, and the physician assured the anxious general manager that the patient would be at the factory in a couple of weeks. But the physician had not reckoned on many things—the weariness of mind and body in his patient, the bitterness of his recent failure to induce the firm to increase the pay of the hands, and the dragging load under which he had struggled silently for the past three years.

The wound caused by the operation healed rapidly, but with the healing came no strength. Crawford sat daily propped up in a chair by the window, listless and uninterested in his surroundings. The physician was puzzled and not a little irritated; the general manager, who came daily, began to show signs of alarm.

"It's the pace of modern business, sir!" the physician snapped angrily to the attendant, who had been sent up from the hospital. "Get him interested in something. It's his only chance."

The man tried everything his fertile mind and thorough training could suggest, but with no results. Crawford sat silently by the window day after day, looking vacantly at the bare branches of the trees and the patches of dull cloud drifting across the early winter sky.

Christmas time found Crawford propped in his chair, looking out over a world newly swathed in spotless white. The doctor declared that now it was only a question of time, and the attendant had long since ceased trying to rouse the sick man's dormant interest. On Christmas Day Crawford opened an envelope from the factory and found it enclosed a substantial check. He smiled bitterly and handed it to the attendant.

"Here, take it! Merry Christmas!" he said, in a colorless voice

At dusk it was snowing again, and just after the lights began to twinkle through the gloom Crawford, in his chair, fell into a heavy slumber. He was awakened by a lusty rapping at the door. The attendant went into the little hall and presently returned.

"Two ladies and three gentlemen to see you, sir," he said.

The visitors were ushered in, and as they entered the room Crawford gripped the arms of his chair and stared with wide opened eyes. There were two giggling girls from the wiring department at the factory, two men from the assembling bench and the foreman of the brass room.

The girls tittered and the men looked ill at ease. Crawford sat up in his chair. Two spots of color came into his wan cheeks. The foreman advanced and cleared his throat.

"We've come, sir," he said, looking at the ceiling, "to show you that, even if you're not with us, you're not forgotten. Perhaps we haven't always understood you, but anyway we know you're the right sort. We've heard all about your fight for an increase for us, and even if we didn't get it, we know it wasn't because you did not do your best for us. So to show our respect for you and your efforts in our behalf we've brought you this." He tore the covering from a parcel he bore and held out a silk umbrella with a large pearl and silver handle. "And—and Merry Christmas!" he finished.

"Merry Christmas!" echoed the two other men and the two girls.

A lump rose in Crawford's throat. He could only beam upon them and mutter feebly, "Merry Christmas to you!"

Some few minutes after the committee from the factory had gone the doctor came bustling into the hall. The attendant met him and shook a warning finger at him. The doctor craned his neck and peeped cautiously into the room.

Crawford sat under the light. His head was hidden in the crook of one arm that rested on the window sill. Clutched tightly in the other was a silk umbrella with a large pearl and silver handle. Crawford's shoulders rose and fell convulsively; he was sobbing like a child.

The doctor smiled in comprehension. "Good!" he declared, emphatically. "That's something like!"

And turning on his heel he stole softly down the stairs.—From Youth's Companion.

Crawford's Shoulders Rose and Fell Convulsively.

Alice in Toyland.

Jack-in-the-Box—"Hands off, there! Alice—"Why his hands are off silly!"

Christmas Shopping.

The bargain counter rush is here
And folks, in accents sober,
Are vowing that another year
They'll start out in October.
—Washington Star.

They Sleep Head Downward.

The butterfly, like the bat, invariably goes to sleep head downward its eyes looking straight down the stem of the grass on which it rests. It folds its wings to the utmost, and thus wraps its body from the cold.—Home Notes.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

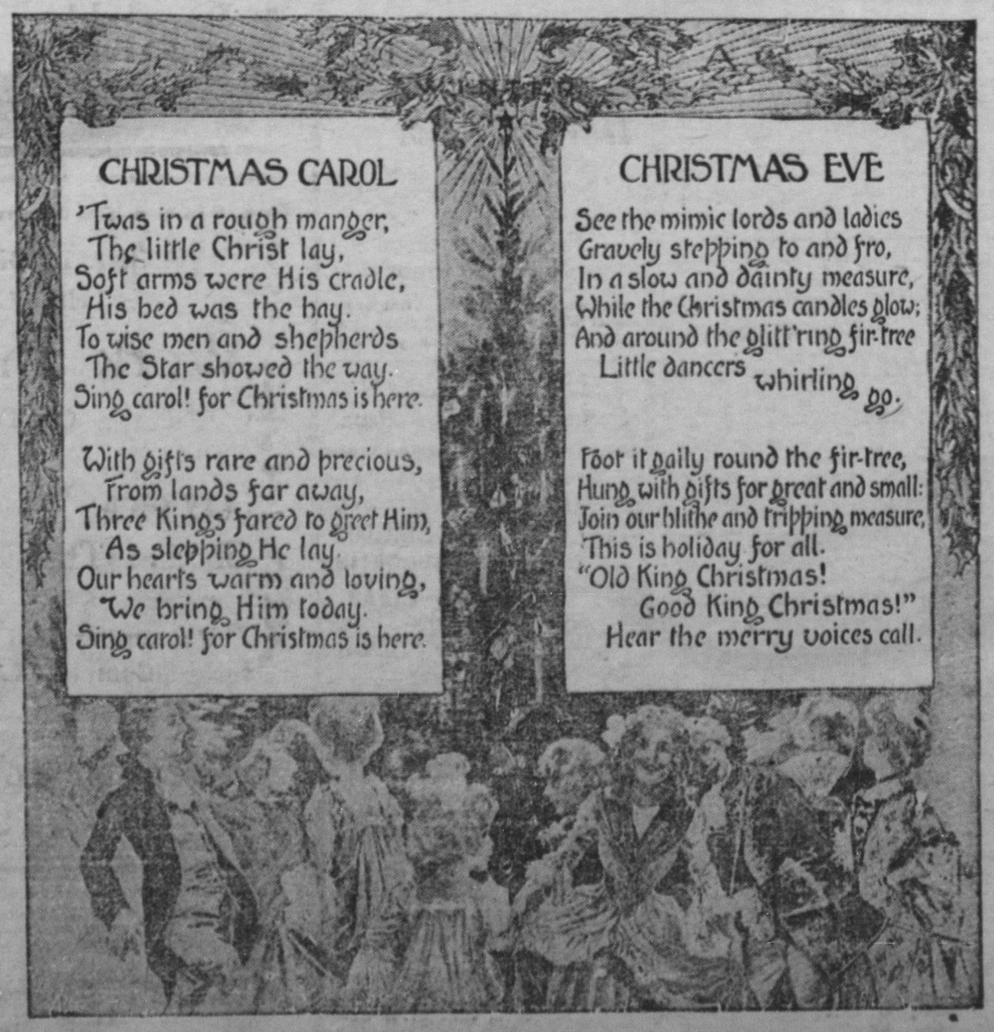
'Twas in a rough manger,
The little Christ lay,
Soft arms were His cradle,
His bed was the hay.
To wise men and shepherds
The Star showed the way.
Sing carol! for Christmas is here.

With gifts rare and precious,
From lands far away,
Three Kings fared to greet Him,
As slepping He lay.
Our hearts warm and loving,
We bring Him today.
Sing carol! for Christmas is here.

CHRISTMAS EVE

See the mimic lords and ladies
Gravely stepping to and fro,
In a slow and dainty measure,
While the Christmas candles glow;
And around the glitt'ring fir-tree
Little dancers whirling go.

Foot it gaily round the fir-tree,
Hung with gifts for great and small:
Join our blithe and tripping measure,
This is holiday for all.
"Old King Christmas!
Good King Christmas!"
Hear the merry voices call.



THE BEST WISHES OF THE SEASON

TO the Solitary, the dwellers apart, by choice or by chance, with hearth-fires that for one burn dull and for two would glow and sing—to all of these,

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

TO Them that are set in Families, where love, bestowed with no thought of its return, passes back and forth abundantly between open hearts—to all of these, parents, children, kinsmen, friends,

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

TO the Poor and the Rich, envying each the others' freedom from the cares of too little and too much, yet learning year by year that without health and enthusiasm and faith and love, none can be rich, and with them none can be poor—to these,

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

TO the Workers, the vast fortunate majority, in humble places and in high, often baffled and disheartened, questioning if there is not somewhere for them a greater work with a greater reward; yet happy at the last, if they will have it so, in seeing the figure they have wrought in the fabric of living, a figure drawn by the great Designer for their weaving and none other's—to all of these,

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

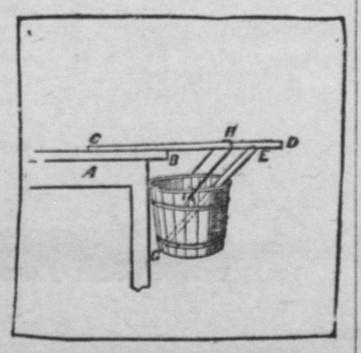
TO Old and Young, with the years behind and the years ahead, years that show but a span in the centuries since the Light first shone from Bethlehem upon the paths of service, humility and sacrifice, and gave to all the ages a spirit that has made them one; to Young and Old, treading with gladness these lighted paths, even though not always knowing whence the Light comes—to all,

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

M. A. DeW. H.

CHRISTMAS PASTIMES

The Balanced Pail.—To support a pail of water by a stick, only half of which, or less, rests upon the table: Let A B be the top of the table, and C D the stick which is to support the bucket. Place the handle of the bucket on the stick in such a manner that it may rest on it in an inclined position, as H-I, and let the middle of the bucket be a little within the edge of the table; to keep this apparatus properly in its situation, place another stick, E F G, with the end resting against the bucket at the bottom, its middle, F, resting on the opposite top edge of the bucket, and its other extremity, E, against the first stick C. D., in which a notch



must be cut to retain it. The bucket will thus be kept in its situation, without inclining to either side, and, if not already filled with water, it may be filled with safety.

Curious Motions.—Procure a basin of milk-warm water, throw into it half a dozen pieces of camphor about the size of a pea; in a minute they will begin to move, and acquire a rotatory and progressive motion, which will continue for a considerable time. If now one drop of oil of turpentine or sweet oil, or even of gin, be let fall upon the water, the pieces of camphor will dart away, and be deprived of their motion and vivacity. Little pieces of cork that have been soaked in either, act much in the same way as camphor, when thrown upon water. Camphor, being highly combustible, will burn if ignited while floating upon water, producing a singular effect.

When Fairy Tales Were Really So.

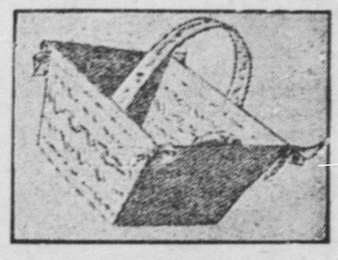
I wish I'd live long, long ago,
When there were mermaids in the sea,
And brownies would have played with me,
And fairy-tales were really so.

I'd like on Santa Claus' sleigh
Next Christmas Eve to have a hitch,
And I would love to see a witch
Upon a broomstick ride away.

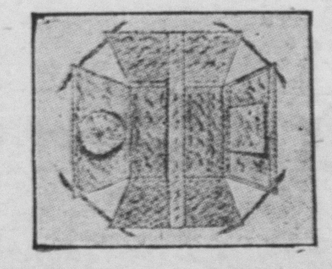
Of course, there still are lots of knights,
And there are princesses besides,
But nowadays men don't win brides
By going off on dragon-fights.
I wish I'd lived long, long ago,
When fairy-tales were really so.
—Mary Street, in December Lippincott's.

GIFTS THAT A CHILD CAN MAKE.

An inexpensive workbasket may be made of pasteboard covered with cretonne. The five sections, with handle, are covered separately and sewed together, over and over, as shown. The handle is cut the length of the basket when opened. A cushion and needle book are sewed to the sides. Small brass rings are attached at



the corners through which to tie ribbons and draw the basket into shape. This basket is easily packed for traveling, as it can be laid flat and then drawn up quickly to hold a bit



of fancy work or small trinkets. The cretonne selected should have a small figure or a vine running lengthwise, and the basket is prettier if the pattern runs narrow across the handle and in lines round the outside. Pockets for spools may be added if desired.—From Youth's Companion.

Christmas in the Klondike.

Alaska Ike—"Wot did yer find in yer stockin' this mornin'?"
Chilcoot Pete—"Frostbitten toes."

The American Pose.

The American woman has a special gift for falling unconsciously into good poses.—London Queen.

Science Entering New Epoch.

Certain Recent Discoveries as Radical as Newton's, Says Waldemar Kaempffert.

"This is a scientific period as remarkable as that in which Sir Isaac Newton discovered the laws of gravity," said Waldemar Kaempffert, of The Scientific American.

"I am speaking now of pure, not applied, science," he continued. "We are living in what may be called a state of scientific transition. Discoveries in the radio-active substances, recently or now being made, such as those relating to the degradation of copper of lithium and the change of radium to helium, have disturbed all previous conceptions and lead us to new theories regarding matter.

"What is matter? The old philosophers and even the chemists of but a decade ago could give no very satisfactory definition. The modern physicist, aided by experimental evidence with Crookes tube and the radio-active substances, is at least groping nearer the truth. He is quite convinced, at least, that the atom, small as it may be to the popular mind, is gigantic compared with what it ought to be.

"Radium, for example, disintegrates very slowly, and probably ceases to be radium in the course of a thousand years. If it hurled off atoms during this disintegration its life would be shorter. Atoms are clearly too large. Similarly we find the corpuscular discharge of the Crookes tube causes phenomena which cannot be explained on the atomic theory.

"Hence we find that the leading spirits in the revision of our chemistry, men like Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir William Crookes, and Prof. J. J. Thomson, have substituted for the old atom a new and very much smaller unit called 'electron.' According to the new views, atoms are composed of electrons.

"In size the electron bears the same relation to an atom that a baseball bears to the earth. Or, at Sir Oliver Lodge puts it, if a hydrogen atom were magnified to the size of a church, an electron would be the equivalent of a speck of dust in that church.

"According to the old atomic theory, there were seventy odd bits of primorist matter, such as iron, zinc, lead, gold, copper and arsenic bits of matter which were supposed to be absolutely unchangeable. When Sir William Ramsay discovered radium, which was considered an element, changed into helium, still another element, and that by means of radium emanation, copper (an element could be degraded to lithium, (another element), what becomes of this supposed immutability of the atom?

"The electron theory explains away these difficulties. There is but one kind of matter, according to the newer views. If we arrange electrons in one way and give them a certain motion we obtain copper; change that arrangement of electrons, or their motion, or perhaps their number, and we obtain lithium.

"Thus, the new science derives all substances from one primeval variety of matter. In other words, the transmutation of matter, the dream of mediaeval alchemy, is realized in our own time. We have not succeeded in converting baser metals into gold, but we have succeeded in changing one element to another, which is just as startling from a scientific viewpoint.

"The electron, as its name implies, is also a unit of electricity. It would therefore follow from this mere fact that, according to the newer conceptions, matter and electrical force are one and the same thing. Here we reach the borderland of philosophical speculation. Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir William Crookes have not hesitated to bridge the chasm between experimental science and metaphysics. They have boldly built up a system of physics based partly upon the experimental evidence of the laboratory, partly upon sheer speculation, with the result that they have given us perhaps the most beautiful and simple conception of the universe that mankind has ever received.

THE MODERN COUNTRY HOUSE.

Luxury and Elaborate Appointments Have Taken Away Much of the Country's Informality.

Today, visiting in a big country house is like stopping in a hotel. Your name is written on the outside of your door, and this seems to furnish the household with about the only clue to your identity. Over the electric-bells are printed lists showing what will be the results of various numbers of rings.

This is another of the innovations in the modern country house; it is no longer considered enough to provide guests with food, lodgings and good company—or is it for want of the last-named that some hosts feel it incumbent upon them to furnish special amusements? In one house I know of there is a long gallery, which leads into the "riding-ring," a tan-bark-covered enclosure, two hundred feet square, roofed with glass, which they use for indoor riding and jumping in bad weather. They sometimes use it also for polo practice, though it is too small for a game.

A corridor crosses one end of the ring, and beyond that is the entrance to a long building of two stories in which there is nothing but guest rooms. The house is run in every way like a hotel; each bedroom, furnished in mahogany and chintz, has its adjoining bath and a room for the visiting maid or valet, and one or two have sitting-rooms. At right angles to the guest quarters and occupying a second side of the riding-ring, like an ell, comes a big billiard and lounging room, then the swimming pool, which is forty feet long and sunk in a broad white marble floor, and furnished like a conservatory, with parrots and other birds among the palm-trees, with fountains and long low divans upholstered in white rubber. There are also Turkish and Russian baths, and a Swedish masseur and masseuse are in attendance. Adjoining the pool is the gymnasium—as perfect, except in size, as any at our colleges. Then there are racquet and squash courts, an indoor tennis court, and an artificial ice skating pond.—Emily Post, in Everybody's.

CAUSES AND RESULTS.

What Democracy Means and Has Meant to People in Our Country.

The general causes of democracy are apt to be overlooked by Americans, because so much of our own democracy roots in a single unique condition, namely, access to free land. Think of the bracing and equalizing influence of the gratuitous distribution of a vast public domain to actual settlers! Is it any wonder the spirit of equality grew up out of recurrent frontier conditions and spread eastward? But now, alas, free land is gone, and henceforth our fate will be that of transatlantic societies. If men are cheapening there, they will cheapen here. If the people win here, it will be for the same reasons that they win in Switzerland or Finland.

What are these reasons?

One is that light is flooding the social deeps. In 1800, the average inhabitant of the United States had had eighty-two days of schooling. In 1900, the average American had had 1,046 days of schooling—more than twelve times as much as his great-grandfather.

Socially, democracy insists that the grading of folks on the basis of birth or rank or calling or cash is coarse and barbaric. It does not deny that men are as gold, silver and copper in relative worth. But it wants men rated, not by place or trappings, but by essential things—wisdom, character, efficiency. The application of these higher standards always humbles the exalted few, and gives more dignity and consideration to the busy people who make the world go round.

Politically, democracy means the sovereignty, not of the average man—who is a rather narrow, short-sighted, muddle-headed creature—but of a matured public opinion, a very different thing. "One man, one vote," does not make Sambo equal to Socrates in the estate, for the balloting but registers a public opinion. In the forming of this opinion the sage has a million times the weight of the field hand. With modern facilities for mind influencing mind, democracy, at its best, substitutes the direction of the recognized moral and intellectual elite for the rule of the strong, the rich or the privileged.—Prof. E. A. Ross, in Everybody's.

A TWELVE-FOOT BEAR.

Shooting a Brown Grizzly in the Alaskan Snowfields.

In Everybody's Rex Beach tells this incident of his adventurous "Chromatic Bear Hunt" in Alaska: "As I dashed across a snow-field I saw our guide suddenly appear on the ridge above me like a phantom, silhouetted against the evening sky. He was bareheaded—it took us three days to find his hat—his rubber boots were straddling at a ridiculous distance from each other, and he was hitting it off at the rate of one hundred yards in nothing and three-fifths seconds. He was looking backward over his shoulder, fumbling at his hip pocket for shells, and yet he coursed over those loose boulders with the sureness of foot of a mountain goat. He dipped out of sight as suddenly as he had appeared and I heard him cracking away again, then the louder report of Fred's rifle.

"An instant later I reached the top and glimpsing a huge brown body rushing toward us in prodigious leaps I joined in the fusillade. The monster's great weight bore him deeply into the snow, which he flung behind him at every plunge, and yet, shocked and torn by those exploding bullets, he still came on and on, a tremendous ungainly figure of rage and determination.

"Even when he was down to his haunches and deathly sick, he reddened the snow in a futile endeavor to continue that charge. It was a magnificent exhibition of courage, and he died facing us as befits a monarch, the red glare of rage still in his eye.

"'Whew! I certainly stepped around a bit that time,' said Joe, wiping the sweat out of his eyes. 'My first four shots never fazed him, so I thought I'd sort of withdraw and reload on the run, but I couldn't seem to locate you fellers nowhere.'

"We had no means of measuring our prize, but the carcass was tremendous, so large in fact that our united efforts were barely sufficient to roll it over. The skin stretched twelve feet in curing."

Snow fell in Europe for forty days in 1434.

Household Notes

MUSHROOM STEW.

To stew mushrooms properly do not add water, but put the tops and the stems, broken into pieces, into a dish, sprinkle them with salt and pepper and let them stand for half an hour or so until the juice is partly extracted. Cook them in this juice. At the last season with butter and cream.—New York Sun.

COOKING MEAT.

Meat should never be put into a half-heated oven to roast. The oven shoud be quite hot to start with, so that the meat may become rapidly browned and thus prevent the juice from oozing out. After the outside is nicely browned, the oven may be allowed to become a little cooler, but always hot enough to keep the meat at roasting point. Meat to stew should be well browned in boiling fat, then lifted to the back of the oven or stove and allowed to simmer slowly until tender. Boiled beef or ham intended to be eaten cold should not be taken out of the liquor when ready, but allowed to remain in till cold, else it will be dry and taste ...s.—Boston Post.

TOMATO SOUP.

Put the bones on fire in cold water to cover; add salt, 1 onion, dessert spoonful whole mixed spices. These can be bought in package form and will add flavor to many an otherwise tasteless dish. Boil slowly all day or till the bones fall apart. Strain through sieve and place on fire again with 1 or 2 cups tomato, according to amount of soup stock. Boil 2 hours and strain again. This makes a most appetizing and nutritious soup, to be served with crisp crackers. I have found that a cupful of this soup taken when one is worn out from a cold shopping trip will nourish and revive quickly.—Boston Post.

CODFISH A LA COCOTTE.

Pick cold boiled cod into bits, taking care to remove all bones; place a piece of butter the size of an egg over the fire in a clean saucepan; when it bubbles, add 2 tablespoonfuls of butter; mix thoroughly, then add 1 pint milk, 2 slices of onion minced fine and 1 sprig of chopped parsley Cook, stirring constantly, until of the consistency of thick cream. Have ready a sufficient number of buttered cocottes. (If these useful little individual baking dishes are not at hand, use a buttered ramekin). Fill the cocottes with alternate layers of fish, sauce and cracked crumbs, finishing off with crumbs. Dot with butter and brown in a steady oven Serve without re-dishing. Garnish with sliced lemon and parsley.—Boston Post.

AN INEXPENSIVE DISH.

A toothsome and inexpensive dish is filet de boeuf when made of rump steak. The steak should be cut into slices three-eighths of an inch thick and trimmed to the shape and size of mutton chops. Melt some butter in a baking tin, lay the filets in it and let them stand in a warm place for an hour or two. Then take them out and fry them in very hot butter or good dripping, turning them so as to let both sides color. Melt a tablespoonful of butter and mix it with a tablespoonful of flour. Moisten with some good stock free from fat, add a little coloring and a handful of button mushrooms neatly trimmed and washed. Let the sauce cook till the mushrooms are done, add the juice of half a lemon, pour the sauce on the dish, heap the mushrooms in the centre, and arrange the filets in a circle.—New York Globe.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

It is a good plan to keep several needles always threaded in the pin cushion for times of haste. Those filled with white thread and black thread are best.

To avoid mold on cheese, wrap it in a cloth damp with vinegar.

To keep bread moist, a good way is to wrap it in a white cloth, wrung dry from cold water; then dry towels on the outside.

Always pierce an opening in freshly baked potatoes, as they come from the oven, else they will be soggy.

Save little paper sacks from the grocery to slip over canned fruits to exclude air. They are easily slipped off to examine the cans.

A few grains of popcorn in the salt cellars will prevent dampness and "caking."

If the hands are stained by picking over fruit or peeling new potatoes, rub with a piece of tomato and the stain will disappear.

A slice of bread in cake box will keep your cake moist.

A tear darned with ravellings from same goods and pressed will show very little.

In ironing a skirt—if you will iron the entire hem first, it will hang very much better than to iron one breadth at a time.

In putting away your laundry put the last to come in in the bottom of the drawer, and in this way the same things will not be used right over again and will last a great deal longer.

COMMERCIAL COLUMN

Weekly Review of Trade and Latest Market Reports.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Retail trade is active in holiday goods and winter wearing apparel, while wholesale and jobbing departments are seasonably quiet as to new business, but there is a good movement on old orders, and manufacturing operations are not curtailed. Inventories are in progress, and those completed indicate no excessive stocks. Ample rain in many sections has started much idle machinery, while statements of building permits continue to show gratifying gains, although operations in the Northwest are interrupted by severe weather. Mercantile collections are more prompt, and the steady gain in production of pig iron is a most encouraging indication of confidence in the leading industry.

Expected advances in prices of footwear have been asked by New England manufacturers, and while the rise tends to restrict new business, the raw material situation seems to warrant the small increase of two and one-half to five cents a pair.

Wholesale Markets.

New York.—Wheat — Receipts, 106,000 bush.; spot barely steady; No. 2 red, 1.08¾ @ 1.10¼ elevator; No. 2 red, 1.10½ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 1.19 f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, 1.16 f. o. b. afloat.

Corn — Receipts, 20,425 bush.; spot easy; No. 2, 67½ to arrive elevator, and 68 f. o. b. afloat. Option market was without transactions, closing net unchanged. December closed 68½; May closed 69; July closed 69; September closed 69.

Oats—Receipts, 49,500 bush.; exports, 7,713 bush.; spot steady; mixed, 26@32 lbs., 55@55½; natural white, 26@32 lbs., 56@58½; clipped white, 34@42 lbs., 57@62½.

Poultry — Steady; alive Western fowls, 16@17; turkeys, 13@15; dressed firm; Western spring chickens, 13@20; fowls, 12@14; spring turkeys, Western, 16@19.

Eggs—Unsettled; receipts, 8,538; State, Pennsylvania, and nearby fancy, selected, white, 50@52; do., fair to choice, 44@48; brown and mixed fancy, 40@42; do., fair to choice, 35@38; Western firsts, 34; seconds, 30@33.

Philadelphia.—Wheat dull and 1c lower; contract grade December, 104@104½c.

Corn weak and ½c. lower; December, 64½@65;

Oats firm; No. 2 white natural 56½.

Eggs steady; Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, f. c., 36 at mark; do., current receipts, in returnable cases, 35 at mark; Western firsts, f. c., 36 at mark; do., current receipts f. c., 34@35 at mark.

Cheese firm; New York full creams, choice, 14@14½c.; do., fair to good, 13@13½.

Live poultry steady; fowls, 11½@12½c.; old roosters, 8½@9; spring chickens, 11½@12½; ducks 11@12; turkeys, 14@15; geese, 10@11.

Baltimore.—Flour—Quiet and unchanged; receipts, 23,134 bbls.; exports, 10,174 bbls.

Wheat—Dull and lower; spot, contract, 1.01¼@1.01½; spot, No. 2 red Western, 1.03@1.03½; December, 1.01¼@1.01½; January, 1.02½@1.02¾; steamer No. 2 red, 98¼@98½; receipts, 8,236 bush.; exports, 1,081 bush.; Southern, on grade, 98@1.01.

Corn—Steady at decline; new spot, contract, 65¼@65½; new year, 65@65¼; January, 64¾@65; February, 65@65½; March 65¼@65½; steamer mixed, 62¼@62½; receipts, 54,960 bush.; exports, 69,572 bush.; new, Southern white corn, 60½@65½; new, Southern yellow corn, 60@65.

Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 56@56½; No. 3 white 55@56; No. 2 mixed, 54½@55; receipts, 9,662 bush.

Rye—Quiet; No. 2 Western export, 81 asked; receipts, 1,038 bush

Butter—Firm and unchanged; fancy imitation, 24@25; fancy creamery, 32@33; fancy ladle, 20@21; store-packed, 18@19.

Eggs—Firm and unchanged; 35@36.

Cheese—Firm and unchanged; new, large, 14½; new, flats, 14½; new, small, 14¾.

Live Stock.

New York. — Beeves — Receipts, 554; feeling steady; dressed beef in fair demand at 7½ to 10¾c. for native sides.

Calves—Receipts, 369 head; feeling steady. Veals, 6.00 to 10.50; barnyard calves, 3.35 to 3.50; Western calves, 5.15; dressed calves, steady; city dressed veals, 9 to 16c.; country dressed veals, 7 to 15c.

Chicago. — Cattle—Receipts, estimated at 8,000; market was weak. Steers, 4.60@7.80; cows, 3.00@5.25; heifers, 2.50@4.60; bulls, 2.15@4.50; calves, 2.50@8.25; stockers and feeders, 2.50@4.85.

Hogs—Receipts, estimated at 30,000; market strong to 5c. higher. Choice heavy shipping, 5.80@5.95; butchers, 5.70@5.90; light mixed, 5.25@5.45; choice light, 5.50@5.65; packing, 5.50@5.80; pigs, 4.00@5.15; bulk of sales, 5.60@5.85.

Sheep—Receipts, estimated at 20,000; market strong. Sheep, 4.00@5.00; lambs, 5.25@7.50; yearlings, 4.25@6.25.

Immigrants do not come to New York City in a state of absolute poverty by a long way. They bring us annually about $16,000,000 in money.

Giving evidence at an inquest at Lambeth, London, a woman said that she had had 21 children, six of whom were alive.

The Forest Commissioner of New York has reported that 90 per cent. of the forest fires in that State were caused by sparks from locomotives.

No Uplifter.

"Do you regard the stage as an educator?"

"Not exactly," answered Miss Cayenne. "It would be unfortunate if we were to get our ideas of society from the problem play and our ideas of costume from the musical comedy."—Washington Star.

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A Poor Preventive.

"Your husband says that when he is angry he always counts 10 before he speaks," said one woman.

"Yes," answered the other. "I wish he'd stop it. Since he got dyspepsia home seems nothing but a class in arithmetic."—Tit-Bits.

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A German peddler rapped timidly at the kitchen entrance. Mrs. Kelly, angry at being interrupted in her washing, flung open the door and glowered at him.

"Did yez wish to see me?" she demanded in threatening tones.

The peddler backed off a few steps. "Vell, if I did," he assured her, with an apologetic grin, "I got my vish; thank you."—Everybody's.

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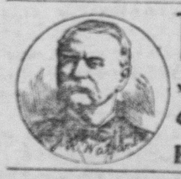

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1908.

DEATHS.

Robert A. Hoover died very suddenly at his home in Philadelphia, of acute indigestion. He was born in Bellefonte and was forty-six years old. In 1880 he went to Altoona where he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company, rising to the position of lumber inspector. In 1903 he was transferred to the purchasing agent's department and took up his residence in Philadelphia, where he had since resided. His wife and two sons survive. He is also survived by three brothers and one sister, David K. and Frank, of Altoona; William, of Axe Mann, and Mrs. Jennie Hazel, of Pleasant Gap.

Perry Gates, a native and former resident of Centre county, died at his home at Warriorsmark, after a protracted illness. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Gates, he was born at Tadpole, in Ferguson township, over sixty-five years ago. He was a farmer and followed that occupation until two years ago. His wife, who was Miss Anna Heberling, a daughter of Joseph Heberling, of Ferguson township, survives. They had no children, but raised Miss May McClellan, who also survives.

Joseph R. Muffley, father of Mrs. Joseph L. Montgomery, of Bellefonte, died at his home in Philadelphia, aged seventy-one years. He was born in Howard, and was married to Miss Gordon, a member of the well known Gordon family who lived on the old homestead near Hecla park. Two children was the result of this union, Mrs. Montgomery, of Bellefonte, and Miss Lillian, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Hannah Brickley, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Curtin township, died quite suddenly at her home at Romola. She had been in the best of health, but was stricken with heart disease and expired in a few minutes. She was born in Curtin township and had spent her entire life in that locality, being sixty-eight years of age. Four sons and three daughters survive.

Miss Hannah Edith Hoover, a daughter of G. D. Hoover, died at the State hospital, Kings Park, Long Island, of tuberculosis. Her age was eighteen years, and she was born at Snow Shoe Intersection, where she lived until she went to the hospital a few months ago. Her parents, several brothers and sisters survive.

Mrs. Hiram Lee, a well known widow lady, died at her home at Buffalo Run, after a ten days' illness. She was aged sixty-five years and had lived in that vicinity all her life. Her husband died several years ago, since which time she had lived alone.

David Lohr died at the home of his son, John Lohr, at Buffalo Run, of paralysis of the heart, aged eighty-one years. Two daughters and five sons survive.

Rebersburg.

Daniel Hoy, who resides a short distance from this place, is on the sick list.

William Hackman sold his farm, situated two miles west of this place, to Wallace Walker for $6000. Mr. Hackman will move onto the farm which Mr. Walker will vacate, and which was recently bought by Charles Smull.

Prof. Edwin Brungart, wife and child, of Selinsgrove, are spending their Christmas vacation among relatives here.

There will be a wedding in town soon. Now boys get your tin horns and rosin fiddles ready for the occasion.

C. C. Long and Herbert Smull spent several days during the past week in Lock Haven.

J. W. Harter made a large shipment this week of dressed turkeys and chickens.

Henry Meyer, one of the instructors at Bucknell College, is spending his vacation with his parents at this place.

William Bierly is just recovering from a severe attack of neuralgia.

Miss Mabel Brungart, who is teaching school at State College, is spending her Christmas with her parents.

Charles Bierly is confined to the house, suffering from a very bad cold.

Clayton Weber and wife, of Renovo, are spending the week among relatives at this place.

Samuel Strayer, who went west from Wolfs Store, thirty-eight years ago, locating in Nebraska, is at present in this locality shaking hands with old acquaintances.

The Pink Label.

If you would like to have the figures on your label advanced before the next Pink Label appears, send the funds before January 1st, as the label figures will be changed at that time.

Red Cross Stamps for Sale.

Red Cross Christmas Stamps are on sale at this office. All for charity.

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THE PRISON BIRD.

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The peculiarity of the prison bird, a feathered beauty of Africa, is that he is the most tyrannical and jealous of husbands, imprisoning his mate throughout her nesting time. Livingstone watched the bird's habits while in Monpour, and in his subsequent observations referred to the nest as a prison and the female bird as a slave.

The nest is built in the hollow of a tree through an opening in the bark. As soon as it is completed the mother bird enters carefully and fearfully and settles down in it. Then papa walls up the opening, leaving only just space enough for air and food to pass through. He keeps faithful guard and brings food at regular intervals without fail. The female thrives under her enforced retirement. But if the prison bird is killed or in any other way prevented from fulfilling his duties the mother and her little ones must die of starvation, for she cannot free herself from bondage.

Normally the imprisonment lasts until the chicks are old enough to fly. Then the male bird destroys the barrier with his beak and liberates his family. "It is charming," writes Livingstone, "to see the joy with which the little prisoners greet the light and the unknown world."

THE NORMAN "OYEZ."

A Legacy of William the Conqueror to the Courts.

Everybody who has ever been in a United States courtroom knows that when the judge walks out of his chambers and ascends the bench the court crier drones out:

"Oyez, oyez, oyez, the honorable court of the (whatever district it may be) is now in session."

Not many persons, however, realize that the crier says "oyez, oyez, oyez," instead of "harken, harken, harken," because of a chance visit that William the Conqueror made to an English court almost 900 years ago.

William had overrun England, seized the government and placed himself at its head. Happening to enter a courtroom, he heard the crier call the assemblage to order in English. William rebuked him and on the spot decreed that the business of all English courts should be transacted in Norman French, his native tongue. Afterward the courts went back to English, but to this day "oyez, oyez, oyez," clings to court customs wherever the English language is spoken as a reminder of the great Norman who whipped King Harold in the battle of Hastings.—Scrap Book.

One of Life's Tragedies.

He had expected a tender embrace from his sweetheart, but her greeting of him was cold. He could not understand it.

"Darling," he exclaimed in agony, "what is the matter?"

But she remained silent, her lips tightly closed, and motioned him from her.

He fell upon his knees.

"My love," he cried, "tell me what I have done to offend you? I swear I have done nothing wrong! I confess I kissed the Simpson girl last night at the party, but on my oath I—I thought she was you."

Her lips closed even tighter, but she uttered not a syllable, and, in despair at her unbending demeanor, he fled from the place, he knew not whither.

Would you know, oh, reader, the reason of the conduct by which a woman blighted two young lives? 'Twas simply this: She had left her false teeth in the bathroom.

Probably She Meant It.

Lucile, a carefully brought up little girl of five years, returned from her first party in great glee.

"I was a good girl, mamma," she announced and talked nice all the time."

"Did you remember to say something pleasant to Mrs. Townsend just before leaving?" her mother asked.

"Oh, yes, I did," was the enthusiastic reply. "I smiled and said: 'I enjoyed myself, Mrs. Townsend. I had a lot better dinner than I thought I'd have.'"—Delineator.

One on the Judge.

"Here you are," said the judge to the colored prisoner, "complaining that you can't get along with one wife, and yet Solomon had hundreds of 'em."

"Yes, yer honor," was the reply, "but you must rickollect dat de last testimony he give in wuz dat dey wuz all vanity an' vexation of spirit!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Still Holds Good.

"There was a time," exclaimed young Spenders, who had gone through a fortune, "when people used to say I had more money than brains. They can't say it now."

"No?" queried the caustic cad.

"No. I'm down to my last penny."

"Ah, but you have the penny."—Philadelphia Press.

Awkward.

A pretty schoolteacher, noticing one of her little charges idle, said sharply: "John, the devil always finds something for idle hands to do. Come up here and let me give you some work."—Judge's Library.

A New Sensation.

Mrs. Bullion—I wish I knew something to do that would provide me with an absolutely new sensation. Mr. Bullion—Go out and pay cash for something.—Life.

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BATHING AT DIEPPE.

When the Countess de Boigne Tried It In the Year 1806.

The Countess de Boigne in her memoirs gives an account of a visit she paid in 1806, which is interesting in view of the position Dieppe now holds among French watering places.

"The poverty of the inhabitants," she says, "was frightful. The Englishman, as they called him (and for them he was worse than the devil), was cruising incessantly before their empty harbor. With much difficulty a boat was able to escape from time to time and go fishing, always at the risk of being captured by the foreigner or confiscated upon the return journey if the telescopes of the watchers had seen it approach a vessel.

"As for the comforts arranged for the convenience of bathers which Dieppe has since organized, they were nonexistent at that time. My brother was able to find a little covered cart, and with great trouble and great expense, notwithstanding the universal poverty, a man was hired to lead the horses down to the sea and two women to go into the sea with me.

"These preparations raised the public surprise and curiosity to such a pitch that my first bath was watched by a crowd on the shore. My servants were asked if I had been bitten by a mad dog.

"I aroused extreme pity as I went by, and it was thought that I was being taken down to be drowned. An old gentleman called on my father to point out to him that he was assuming a great responsibility in permitting so rash an act. It can hardly be imagined that the inhabitants of a seashore could be so afraid of the sea.

"But at that time the people of Dieppe were chiefly occupied in keeping out of sight of it and in protecting themselves from the disasters which they feared the sea might bring, so that it was for them nothing more than a means of annoyance and suffering. It is curious to think that ten years later bathers were arriving in hundreds, that special arrangements were made for their convenience and that sea bathing of every kind went on without producing any astonishment in the neighborhood.

"I have thus attempted to point out that the custom of sea bathing, which is now so universal, is comparatively recent in France, for Dieppe was the first place where it began."

TREE DWELLING ANTS.

South American Insect That Acts as Plant Guardian.

Ant defenders of plants and trees are some of nature's pretty marvels. The Cecropia adenopus is a remarkable tree of south Brazil, widely distributed through the tropics. Its slender trunk is crowned with long leaves at the ends of the branches.

A few active ants run continually along the branches and the leaves, but if the tree is shaken slightly an army of ants rushes out by small apertures ready for a savage assault on the intruder. The ant is the terrible guardian that the tree has retained to protect it from its most formidable enemy, the leaf cutter ant.

The defenders rarely leave their retreat, where they live on small whitish egg shaped bodies about one-twelfth of an inch long, known as Mueller's corpuscles. These are formed of delicate tissue, rich in proteids and all, as rations for the garrison of defender ants to feed upon. The curious arrangement by which entrance is made to the hollow stem has been studied by W. Schimper.

Just above the point of insertion of each leaf extends nearly to the superior node a superficial groove, at whose end is a rounded depression. There the tissue is thin, like a diaphragm in a tube, and it also is soft. The hole by which the ant enters is always pierced at this spot. The ants seem to have made their entrance through the groove originally because it was at the top. In the course of this plant's further development natural selection augmented these natural advantages, so that finally the thin, frail diaphragm as it exists today was developed.—Chicago Tribune.

Married the Day They Met.

Horace Greeley and Mary Young Cheney were married the first day they met. They had corresponded for some time, a common friend who was something of a matchmaker having brought this about. She was all his fancy painted her, but she was much disappointed in his appearance, so much so that when he appeared before her, having proposed and been accepted by letter, she frankly told him that, although she married him, she was not in love with him. Their married life was long and happy, and the loss of his wife was a blow which Greeley did not long survive.

Tommy's Lunch.

Uncle (who left his nephew "refreshing")—Well, Tommy, you see I'm back. Are you ready? What have I to pay, miss? Waitress—Three buns, four sponge cakes, two sandwiches, one jelly, five tarts and— Uncle—Good gracious, boy! Are you not ill? Tommy—No, uncle, but I'm very thirsty.—London Tit-Bits.

British Pride.

British hypocrisy is gradually disappearing. Until a few years ago most Englishmen fancied that to be born in the United Kingdom was to be a paragon of all the virtues.—Brussels Soir.

Envy.

"Don't be covetous," said Uncle Eben. "Envyin' what yoh neighbor has is mighty apt to put de opportunity in yoh neighbor's way foh handin' yoh a gold brick."—Washington Star.

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